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MASONIC TEMPLE,
PHILADELPHIA.

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL

GRAND LODGE

OF THE

MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY

OF

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF PENNSYLVANIA

AND

MASONIC JURISDICTION THEREUNTO BELONGING

BEING EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES OF ITS QUARTERLY AND ANNUAL
GRAND COMMUNICATIONS

DURING THE YEAR A.D. 1903—A.L. 5903.

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R. W. Grand Master,

1902-1903.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

Held at Philadelphia, March 4, A.D. 1903, A.L. 5903.

PRESENT:

Bro. EDGAR A. TENNIS . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Master.</i>
" CHARLES M. SWAIN . . .	{ <i>Acting R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i>
" WILLIAM M. HAMILTON . . .	{ <i>Acting R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i>
" SAMUEL M. GOODYEAR . . .	{ <i>Acting R. W. Junior Grand Warden.</i>
" THOMAS R. PATTON . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i>
" WILLIAM A. SINN . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i>
" JOHN A. PERRY . . .	<i>Deputy Grand Secretary.</i>
" CONRAD B. DAY . . .	{ <i>R. W. Past Grand Masters.</i>
" WILLIAM J. KELLY . . .	
" JOHN W. LANSINGER . . .	{ <i>D. D. Grand Masters.</i>
" WILLIAM L. GORGAS . . .	
" SAMUEL M. GOODYEAR . . .	
" GEORGE H. SHIRK . . .	
" DAVID H. WEAVER . . .	
" THADDEUS S. ADLE . . .	
" JOSEPH W. DAY . . .	
" WILLIAM J. TRANSUE . . .	
" JOHN J. HITTLE . . .	{ <i>D. D. Grand Masters.</i>
" WILLIAM D. WHITE . . .	
" THOMAS F. WELLS . . .	

Bro. WILLIAM J. DAY	}	<i>D. D. Grand Masters.</i>
" JAMES A. PUGH		
" EZRA C. DOTY		
" WILSON I. FLEMING		
" WILLIAM F. CULLIS		
" DAVID A. SAWDEY		
" ADRIAN W. MCCOY		
" WILLIAM B. MEREDITH		
" WILLIAM M. HAMILTON		
" JOHN S. SELL		
" GEORGE A. BROWN		
" JOHN W. FARNSWORTH		
" JOHN D. GOFF		
" FRANK C. O'ROURKE		
" GEORGE D. PETERS		
" JOHN J. JONES	}	<i>Grand Chaplains.</i>
" RICHARD E. COCHRAN		
" JAMES W. ROBINS, D.D.		
" WILLIAM B. CHALFANT, D.D.		
" CHARLES H. BOND	}	<i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
" FRANK B. LYNCH, D.D.		
" JOHN L. KINSEY	}	<i>As Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
" GEORGE D. PETERS		
" MCCLUNEY RADCLIFFE	}	<i>Grand Stewards.</i>
" GEORGE J. VANDEGRIFT		
" GEORGE B. WELLS		<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
" ROBERT J. LINDEN		<i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
" J. HENRY WILLIAMS		<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
" HOWARD MARCH		<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

One hundred and forty-eight Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 7 o'clock P.M.

Copies of proposed By-Laws and copies of proposed Amendments to By-Laws were received from a number of Lodges and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

A communication was read from Lodge No. —, requesting Grand Lodge to remove the suspension of I. J. W., who was suspended from said Lodge for conduct unbecoming a Mason, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the request be granted.

A communication was read from Lodge No. —, requesting Grand Lodge to remove the suspension of F. F. S., an E. A. M., who was suspended from said Lodge for conduct unbecoming a Mason, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the request be granted.

The Committee on Finance offered the following resolution, which was, on motion, adopted :

Resolved, That since the Librarian, in addition to his regular duties, is compelled to furnish information to various committees and individual members of Grand Lodge, requiring extra service on his part, an additional appropriation of three hundred dollars per annum be granted him, dating from February 15, 1903.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

The Committee on By-Laws made the following report, and the resolutions attached thereto were adopted :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons :

Your committee on By-Laws beg leave to report that they have examined the By-Laws and Amendments to By-Laws referred to them, and respectfully offer the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 237 be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodges Nos. 2, 52, 70, 153, 163, 199, 221, 253, 268, 321, 390, 404, 446, 464, 490, 508, 546, 574, 604, and 623 be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodges Nos. 108, 449, 457, and 484 be approved, and that said Lodges be directed to further amend their By-Laws to conform to the Rules and Regulations of Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodges Nos. 61 and 352 be not approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendment to the By-Laws of Lodge No. 62 be returned to the Lodge for correction.

Resolved, That of the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodge No. 231, Article III., Section 3, Article IV., Section 2, Article VI., Sections 1 and 3, and Article IX., Section 3, be approved, and that Article I., Section 1, Article II., Section 2, and Article IX., Section 4, be not approved; and that the Lodge be directed to further amend their By-Laws to conform to the Rules and Regulations of Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodge No 259 be approved with the exception of Article VI., Section 1, and that this be amended by striking out the words "third degree" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "three degrees."

And that as so amended they be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendment to the By-Laws of Lodge No. 504 be not approved, and that the Lodge be directed to further amend its By-Laws to conform to the Rules and Regulations of Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,
 CHARLES CARY,
 JAMES S. BARBER,
 CHARLES F. WIGNALL,
 JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON,
 SYLVESTER S. GARWOOD,
Committee on By-Laws.

PHILADELPHIA, March 4, 1903.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRINTING AND PUBLISHING.

The Committee on Printing and Publishing made the following report, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the request contained therein be granted.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons:

Your Committee on Printing and Publishing respectfully report that the printing of the Journal of Proceedings of this Grand Lodge for the year 1902 has been intrusted to the publishing house of J. B. Lippincott Company of this city. The usual number of seven thousand five hundred copies will be printed. Uniformity of type, paper, and binding has been preserved to match the editions of preceding years, as heretofore issued.

The volume will contain as a frontispiece an engraving of the Masonic Temple, besides a finely executed engraving of Brother GEORGE WASHINGTON, copied from one of the best paintings by GILBERT STUART, and a capital likeness of Brother COR-

NELIUS STEVENSON, who presided over Grand Lodge during the year 1843.

In addition to the number of steel-engravings required for the annual proceedings, we were requested by the special committee of the Grand Lodge having the Washington Sesqui-centennial Memorial Volume in charge, to have them furnished with three thousand copies of the Washington portrait, and a like number of impressions of the Masonic Temple for their purpose.

A number of Subordinate Lodges celebrating the event were also favored by the loan of the Washington portrait to enable them to embellish their programme for the occasion.

By reason of having to furnish the engravings of WASHINGTON and the Masonic Temple, to facilitate the work of the Memorial Committee in its labors, the printer was somewhat retarded in the issue of the Annual Proceedings, although our Grand Secretary, Brother WILLIAM A. SINN, with his usual promptness, furnished the manuscript fully in good time, and sufficiently early to have had them all distributed by this date, had it not been for the delay occasioned by the Committee on Printing and Publishing desiring to accommodate and facilitate the work on the Memorial Volume.

The Proceedings for the current year 1903 should contain as illustrations the Masonic Temple, Past Grand Master JOSEPH R. CHANDLER, who occupied the chair as Grand Master during the period of 1841 and 1842, and that of our honored and respected presiding Grand Master, EDGAR A. TENNIS. Your Committee therefore asks that your honorable body instruct and empower them to proceed in securing engravings of Brothers JOSEPH R. CHANDLER and EDGAR A. TENNIS for the purposes indicated above.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted on behalf of the Committee.

M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ,

Chairman.

PHILADELPHIA, March 4, 1903.

The Committee on Library made the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed :

The Committee on Library respectfully report that the resolution adopted at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held December 4, 1902, concerning the purchase of the watch formerly owned by Brother LA FAYETTE, for the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, and referred to the Committee on Library with power to act, was reported at the stated meeting of that Committee held January 7, 1903.

At the same meeting a communication was read from the owner of the watch in which she stated that the watch had been sold for the sum of three hundred dollars, therefore no action was required by the Committee on Library.

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS S. STOUT,
Secretary.

A petition for a Warrant for a new Lodge to be held at East Stroudsburg, Monroe County, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

MASONIC HOMES.

District Deputy Grand Master Brother DAVID A. SAWDEY offered the following resolution, which was, on motion, adopted :

Resolved, That the District Deputy Grand Masters are hereby constituted a committee, of which District Deputy Grand Master Brother WILLIAM M. HAMILTON shall be Chairman and District Deputy Grand Master Brother WILLIAM L. GORGAS shall be Secretary, to at once confer with the Lodges in their several Districts and report at the next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, upon the subject of establishing, in Central and

Western Pennsylvania, Homes for the care of our indigent Brethren, their aged wives, widows, and their orphan children.

Admission to these Homes to be absolutely free, as in other Jurisdictions, no entrance or admission fee of any character whatever to be exacted or charged.

Homes in fact and deed, "where husband, wife, and child, victims of misfortune, might together enjoy the helpfulness, liberality, and broadening charity for which our institution stands pre-eminent."

The management to be absolutely under the control and jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, as similar Homes are now conducted in other Jurisdictions of this Fraternity.

Their establishment and maintenance to be provided for as recommended by the Right Worshipful Grand Master on St. John's Day, December 27, 1902, and the District Deputy Grand Masters shall cause this part of the Grand Master's address, as on page 7, to be read in each of the several Lodges, and have taken a vote upon the subject, to be at once transcribed and forwarded to the Chairman of the Committee, for report to this Grand Lodge as herein specified.

Brother PETER BOYD addressed Grand Lodge relative to the McClary bequests.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 8 o'clock 25 minutes P.M.

William A. Sinn
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

Held at Philadelphia, April 27, A.D. 1903, A.L. 5903.

PRESENT:

Bro. EDGAR A. TENNIS . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Master.</i>
“ GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR. {	<i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i>
	<i>Acting R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i>
“ GEORGE B. ORLADY . . {	<i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden.</i>
	<i>Acting R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i>
“ CHARLES M. SWAIN . . {	<i>Acting R. W. Junior Grand Warden.</i>
	<i>Acting R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ WILLIAM B. HACKENBURG	
“ WILLIAM A. SINN . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i>
“ JOHN A. PERRY . . .	<i>Deputy Grand Secretary.</i>
“ SAMUEL C. PERKINS . . .	<i>R. W. Past Grand Masters.</i>
“ CONRAD B. DAY . . .	
“ WILLIAM J. KELLY . . .	
“ JOHN W. LANSINGER . . .	<i>D. D. Grand Masters.</i>
“ WILLIAM L. GORGAS . . .	
“ DAVID H. WEAVER . . .	
“ THADDEUS S. ADLE . . .	
“ CHARLES S. VANDEGRIFT .	
“ ALEXANDER ELLIOTT . . .	
“ JOHN D. GOFF . . .	
“ RICHARD E. COCHRAN . . .	

Bro. JAMES W. ROBINS, D.D. .	}	<i>Grand Chaplains.</i>
“ CHARLES M. STOCK, D.D..		
“ J. GRAY BOLTON, D.D. .		
“ CHARLES H. BOND . . .		
“ GEORGE W. MACLAUGHLIN, D.D.		
“ FRANK B. LYNCH, D.D. .	}	<i>Grand Stewards.</i>
“ JOHN L. KINSEY . . .		
“ THOMAS S. STOUT . . .		
“ McCLUNEY RADCLIFFE .		
“ GEORGE J. VANDEGRIFT .		
“ GEORGE B. WELLS . . .		<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
“ ROBERT J. LINDEN . . .		<i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
“ J. HENRY WILLIAMS . .		<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
“ HOWARD MARCH . . .		<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

Fifty-seven Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 12 o'clock
5 minutes P.M.

In Memoriam.

Right Worshipful Grand Master Brother
EDGAR A. TENNIS addressed Grand Lodge as
follows :

Leaves have their time to fall,
And flowers to wither at the north wind's breath ;
And stars to set, but—
Thou hast all seasons for thine own, O Death !

Again this Grand Lodge is called to mourn the loss of one who has filled her highest offices, and, full of years and honor, has been summoned by Death from his earthly labors. Brother MICHAEL ARNOLD, Past Grand Master of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging, died at his residence in this city, on Friday morning, April 24, A.D. 1903, A.L. 5903.

Emblems of mourning are not needed to remind us that a shadow rests upon us ; the countenances of the Brethren he loved so well indicate that a familiar face and figure has left the field of action to return no more.

The kind and faithful voice which has so often pronounced our names, we shall never hear again in Grand Lodge. We sorrow to-day, and our affliction is great, but in the Providence of God, the Great Grand Master, let us remember that—

“The path of sorrow, and that path alone,
Leads to the land where sorrow is unknown.”

It is fitting that when one who has occupied for many years an important and responsible station in

this Grand Lodge, and who has been known not only throughout this Jurisdiction, but in all our Sister Grand Lodges, when such a one is taken from us by the hand of Death, it is right and proper the event should receive more than a passing notice at our hands.

In order, therefore, that the feelings of this Grand Lodge shall find expression in a form which may go forth throughout the Masonic world, and be spread upon her records as a perpetual testimony through all future years of the esteem and regard with which the memory of a faithful, earnest, and accomplished Officer is cherished by those who have known him in life, I shall ask Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden Brother GEORGE B. ORLADY to review the Masonic life of our departed Brother, and prepare a series of resolutions to be presented to Grand Lodge at our June Communication.

The Masonic Burial Service was then performed.

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother WILLIAM J. KELLY addressed Grand Lodge as follows :

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER AND BRETH-
REN :

On behalf of the Past Grand Masters who have kindly permitted me to prepare a word upon this occasion, I offer you the following :

Any eulogium of Brother ARNOLD will be incomplete which does not analyze his character, temperament, and humanity.

His conduct and actions when among us partook of the Divine character, so far as it is permissible for us poor mortals to reach, and he has left an example sure to be followed by his Brethren which will ennoble them in their thoughts, their actions, and their aspirations.

Brother JOHN L. KINSEY, Junior Grand Deacon, addressed Grand Lodge as follows :

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER AND MY BRETH-
REN OF THE GRAND LODGE :

Perhaps, just at this time, in conformity with the suggestion of this beautiful ritual, it may not be intrusive to offer a humble word of tribute to the beloved character, the noble man, the affectionate Brother, whose departure we are gathered here to mourn. Sorrow, no doubt, would be satisfied best with silence ; and the grieved heart would best commune with its own bitterness in solitude ; yet as has been suggested by Past Grand Master KELLY, a man such as he was deserves something from us by way of open acknowledgment of the love and respect his worthy life has merited. Hard is it to realize that, after all these years of struggle,—through agonies unequalled,—under the torturing but idle efforts of science to relieve, finally that masterful will, that keen intellect, and heroic fortitude should be obliged to surrender to the implacable and insatiate

foe of all humanity. With him has passed out of life the personal friend of every one who knew him, for every man who knew him was his friend, and he was theirs; for the reason that if there was any one of the many admirable traits in his character conspicuous above the others, it was that of pure and splendid and spotless friendship, unsullied by any possible deception or insincerity; such as would stand truest in time of direct need, with a fidelity typical of all the best that can ever be exhibited in man's love for his fellow-man, —free from all pride, vainglory, envy, malice, uncharitableness, unkindliness of any sort. In every relation, he was just the same genial, kind, affectionate, loving Brother, and there was about him always a radiant atmosphere of finest sympathy, that was felt by each one who came within its influence. This was true of him in whatever position he might be placed. Whether in the one you now so ably occupy, Worshipful Sir, or upon the bench, or elsewhere, his manner was that of perfect naturalness and winning simplicity. As a judge, he never haughtily enfolded himself in official robes and said, by attitude or utterance, "You can only approach me through the conventional customs that have been prescribed." At side bar, at chambers, in the retiring room, in the corridor, on the street, in the Lodge-room, in the social hour, in his library, be it where it might, he was the same open-hearted, courteous, tender, candid, loving spirit in the one place as the other, and thus he walked through life, strewing upon the right hand and upon the left

those kindly sentiments which were an inspiration and an example to the fortunate ones who had the opportunity to meet him. There was no man in this community, and I say this considerately, that held more numerous and particular personal relations to his age, and to as great a number of his individual fellow-beings, as MICHAEL ARNOLD. And yet, with all this goodness of heart, with all this gentleness of nature, with all this great humanity that characterized him, he was, withal, as was ever manifest in his clearly pronounced judicial opinions, a man of the strongest sense and the most practical wisdom in all worldly affairs; not laboring to reach his judgments by the slow process of logic, but rather by an intuition that was swift and precise, and that went right into the heart of things and dealt with the substance of realities rather than with glittering delusions of appearances. As an illustration, recall the reform in legal processes wrought by him. Through his wisdom were abolished some old methods, which, undisturbed and unaffected, more out of veneration for their antiquity than for their convenience, had been in existence and had embarrassed the practice of the law through centuries. Yet he, despite the comment and criticism of lawyers who had become wedded to those customs, inaugurated, in our practice, almost by a single stroke, as my legal brethren well know, a new system which answered every purpose and yet was free from all the technicalities that so long had hampered them.

If the test of greatness be the ability to do great

things easily, and in a way apparently effortless, then was he, indeed, great in the fullest meaning of that title.

There is so much that comes to me and to which I should like to refer regarding my personal relations with my deceased Brother, for I had known him so long and so well and under such varied circumstances. In the last of a series of visits that I had been accustomed to pay him upon Sunday mornings at the hospital, we spent a most charming hour together. It was the last time I saw him, now some months ago. We were there alone, and his memory, running backward over the years that we had been together, recalled, in a most delightful reminiscent way, tinted here and there with that exquisite humor which always marked his conversation, but which was always free from every element of the cynical, many incidents, odd and curious and interesting, that we had conjointly experienced in our professional life in days by-gone. His mind was vigorous, his spirit cheery, and the future was aglow for him with his unfailing hope. Yet, as I left him, I felt, with the premonition of prophecy, that that was my concluding visit, as it so proved ; for, shortly thereafter, he was borne from the hospital to his home to die.

But this is not the time for extended eulogy ; that will come later, and, to whomsoever the lot falls, will afford a fertile theme. Our ceremonial, now, necessarily, but brief, is, according to our form, to pay a parting offering to his memory, preceding the bearing

of him away off to the lonely hill-side, there to commit that great, warm, tender heart again to kinship with the cold clod, and so, leave him forever. We can only say what the old Roman said at the grave-side of his cherished dead, in words not unlike to those of this ritual, "In perpetuum ave frater atque vale,"—"And so forever our Brother peace and farewell."

And yet, with an instinct of our nature, we have the wish that it were not wholly thus. The bereft soul is unsubmissive and loath to give him up, and longs to penetrate the possibilities of the inscrutable, so that it might know that he is still there, and that even now perhaps, from those divine heights, clothed in the splendor of his spirit regalia, with sad, firm, but kind eyes is still with interest watching us; and, in the anguish of our deprivation, we would fain cry out, Oh, beloved ARNOLD! forget us not, neither forsake us. Let thy spirit, if it may, return to us again, and by such presence lead us, who are left a little longer, also to the realization of those high ideals which thy voice ever advocated, and to which thou thyself didst so gloriously attain.

Brother J. HENRY WILLIAMS, Grand Pursuivant, addressed Grand Lodge as follows:

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER AND BRETH-
REN:

My personal loss in the death of Judge ARNOLD is so deep, so great, and so recent that I fear fitting words

cannot be found in which to express the feelings of my heart.

The span of life said to be allotted as the average age of him that the Great Creator has placed upon this earth, that he may better fit himself for the life to come, is about thirty and two years, and for nearly that period it has been my privilege, pleasure, and good fortune to know and to have well known our friend and Brother whose departure we mourn, in whose honor and memory this Special Communication of Grand Lodge is held, and whose mortal remains will ere long be committed to the dust from whence they came.

Here within these walls, and within this building, the foundations of which were so well laid by our Brethren in the operative art, and whose hands have so well built, that a superstructure, the majestic and beautiful proportions of which have challenged the admiration of the profane as well as that of the Brethren of the Mystic Tie,—here, I say, within these walls, no more fitting place could be found in which to commemorate the worth, extol the virtues, and sound the praises of him who, ten years ago, occupied with grace and dignity the Oriental Chair, and presided over the destinies of sixty thousand representative men of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Here where the Operative Mason wrought with so much skill, adding stone upon stone, here a column, there a column, combining strength with beauty, so, too, the Speculative Member of the Craft has wrought in

the quarries of humanity, squared the marble of coldness and selfishness, and warmed it by the heat of love and affection into living, breathing principles, for the benefit and welfare of mankind.

Among the many who have so wrought, none is more conspicuous than Past Grand Master MICHAEL ARNOLD.

His record of two years, 1893 and 1894, as Grand Master is a monument to his learning, skill, and ability.

Faithful in his work here, as elsewhere, no task was too great and no labor too arduous for his application, industry, and energy.

He was clear in thought, prompt in action, wise in council, and ever courteous. Even when he did not agree with you, and was compelled to decide adversely, it was done in such a way that you knew he felt he was right, and your disappointment was eradicated by your admiration for his wisdom and courtesy.

This applies not only to his work in the Fraternity, but also to his work in the wider field and greater sphere as a counsellor and as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas.

High honors he received at the hands of his fellow-citizens in this community. Higher were offered and declined.

When it became his duty to submit to his portion of the ills that all mankind is heir to, he met it with courage, fortitude, and cheerful resignation.

The soldier on the field of battle has the incentive of the passion of humanity to fight and win, but he

who sits in the quietude of reflection, calmly looking death in the face, and smiles, possesses infinitely greater courage.

Judge ARNOLD did this.

Recently I heard an aged man speak of approaching dissolution, and what he said seems so appropriate to our loss on this occasion that I take the liberty of repeating his remarks. He said, "I see approaching daily a little nearer, the dawning of an eternal day, to me a new day, but a day that never had a morning, a day that will never know an evening, but 'one sacred high eternal noon.' As it approaches day by day, more distinct, I do not retard my pace to postpone the meeting, neither do I quicken my pace to meet it."

Judge ARNOLD is dead! Nay, he lives! not here, but in the other Land. Not here with us to-day! True, not in body, but the sweetness of our communion continues. The nobler part no longer influenced by the frailties of humanity—the purified spirit accepted at the Great White Throne—yet speaks to us. Bids us be of good cheer. The parting is but of short duration. Soon we shall be joined again, ne'er to part.

Judge ARNOLD is the last of the three most intimate friends of my lifetime. Friendships begun when, as a boy, I left school to take up the labor of life. All three have passed away in a comparatively short space of time, and I am admonished that the waves of eternity are rising higher and higher upon the shores of time; but there is the comforting thought that—

"I have friends in spirit land
 Not shadows of a shadowy band
 Not others, but themselves are they
 And still I think of them the same
 As when the Master's summons came—

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'Tis sweet as year by year we lose
 Friends out of sight, in faith to muse
 How grows in Paradise our store."

Brother GEORGE S. GRAHAM addressed Grand Lodge as follows :

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER AND BRETH-
 REN :

I have but a word to add to the warm, sincere eulogies to which you have listened. I speak out of the deep depths of a permanent and abiding affection for the man that is dead. Two occasions at this moment press themselves upon my memory. One is when, not long since, hosts of his friends gathered together in the court-room, members of the bar and members of the bench, from this city and all over the State, representative men who were present to honor the advent of our Brother in the path of civil service to a new term upon the bench which he had graced and honored for so many years. As I stood in the midst of that throng, it seemed to me that there was a tenseness in the very air ; there was something that seemed to whisper, in the midst of joyous congratulations, to every one, that while we were honoring the living, we were, perhaps,

standing in the shadow of the tomb. The other occasion was to-day as I looked upon the calm, quiet face of this dead Brother, the thoughts of that former occasion crowded thick and fast upon my memory, and I saw, alas ! that foreboding was realized.

As in life, so in death, he lay peaceful, calm, and serene ; the chaplet which we had placed upon his brow, as we hoped to be worn in life, could only now rest upon his bier, for MICHAEL ARNOLD, the distinguished Mason, the able lawyer, the honest, inflexible, and upright judge, was dead. It is written, "And Samuel died, and the people of Israel gathered together to mourn over him ;" so a Prince and Lawgiver has departed from among us, and we can only gather together to lament that his stately form, his calm and distinguished presence will no longer be seen in our midst. We will never again feel in this life the warm pressure of his Brotherly greeting, or see in that face which always expressed candor and sincerity, the warmth and the truth of a deep and abiding affection.

As was said here to-day by Brother KINSEY, he was a man of deep affection, and had the faculty of gathering sincere friends about himself, and holding them fast by ties that were indissoluble. He was warm-hearted, and he knew how to "shew himself friendly," and therefore it was that he was able to call forth from all of us the very best and highest expressions of our friendship and affection for him.

Distinguished among us as a Mason, distinguished among us as a citizen, yet I feel that the highest distinc-

tion of all comes from the manner in which for so many years he wore, without stain or spot, the judicial ermine upon his manly shoulders. His example as a judge will live as an inspiration, while his utterances as a jurist will ever be noted as the words of calmness and judicial wisdom, while his keen, clear vision, which, as you put it, Sir, "saw to the very heart of things," moved him to administer impartial and simple justice as the mandate and utterance of the law.

Do not let us stand in the presence of this affliction with doubt. Do not let us stand in the presence of this sorrow, and call it "another visitation," improperly so, for death we have always with us; its evidences are constantly about us, and its power is felt within us; only this time it has touched the circle in which we live and move, and we feel its blow more keenly. Like the Israelites over the dead Samuel, we can rejoice in the life and the character and the sweet memories of the past which vividly recall him who is dead. The memory of our intercourse with him, and the love and affection which we bore him, help to comfort our hearts now. We are thankful for having had the privilege of knowing so lovable a man. Death, in its mystery, has made his lips so that they move not to-day; his eyelids so they do not uncloze; his face so that it cannot take on that warm and loving smile. But MICHAEL ARNOLD is not dead. MICHAEL ARNOLD lives. Life is but a noise between two great silences, the silence that precedes birth and the silence that comes with what we term the end of life. Life is like

a turbulent sea. The changing circumstances of our affairs swell one upon the other, crowd each other like the waves, and tumble over each other in their mad, headlong, noisy rush ; but the time comes when these things cease for us, and the silence is upon us.

A distinguished Frenchman once said, Life was like a path that led to a precipice. Beginning, we walk in it slowly, flowers upon either side, and the birds singing in the air. With advancing years we move with accelerated pace until, as we finally near the very end, against our wills we run, and then, suddenly, the fall and oblivion. But I like better the other picture that a famous preacher once drew when he related the story of a traveller and his guide upon the Alps who fell into a deep crevasse in the glacier, from which human help was unavailing to rescue or save them. Almost in despair they wrought and struggled until a rivulet was discovered, leading into the very heart of the mountain of ice, which they followed, although its channel narrowed and grew smaller until it seemed about to close them off from all escape, when just beyond they heard the roaring and surging of a river that flowed beneath the glacier. Upon reaching it, and looking upon it in all its seeming perils, the guide said, "Follow me," and plunged in. The traveller bravely followed, and, after a brief struggle with the roaring, icy waters, they were suddenly carried forth, and out of the darkness, into the sunshine and flowers of the beautiful Valley of Chamounix. There is a Guide who has passed through the River of Death, and He beckons the struggling

traveller out into the Light. Our Brother has passed into the land of perpetual sunshine and flowers.

The Thracians said, "Weep when a child is born, but feast when a man is dead." A child has all its trials and woes to face, but to the man dead the Temple of Fame has opened its doors, and the doors of envy are closed forever. We recognize this thought in our frequent quotation of the old Latin maxim, "*Mortuum est nil nisi bonum.*" Then, too, when a man is dead, he is like a slave from whose limbs the shackles have been stricken off. To our deceased Brother the Temple of Fame among men has opened to-day, and the door of envy is closed forever, and the voice that speaks of him will speak only words of praise and of honor. Disease held him in chains, but death has set him free. Greater and better and more far reaching than all these, the life ended here to-day, which was begun and fashioned and framed here with such splendid effort and such fine results, is not lost, it is not ended. The soul has taken the plunge into the icy waters of death and has passed beyond the freezing glacier and the darkness out into the sunlight of a new existence, and entered upon a new career.

Our Samuel has passed from us. We lament his going, and yet, as men, we rejoice in the noble record of his life. In all his splendid manly virtues, in his fine career as a lawyer and jurist, in his accomplishments as a Mason, we can all take a just pride, and, embalmed in memory forever, cherish him as one of the sweetest, purest, brightest, manliest, and best of our Masonic Brethren.

Brother JAMES M. LAMBERTON addressed Grand Lodge as follows :

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER AND BRETH-
REN :

Scarcely four years have rolled by since the icy hand of death knocked at yonder portal and summoned from this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge on high one who had served in the Oriental Chair of King Solomon. Again that cold hand has knocked at the same door and summoned another distinguished Brother ; now, as then, one who by the suffrages of the people had been elevated to the high, honorable, and responsible position of judge, and we rejoice that it may truly be said of Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother MICHAEL ARNOLD, president judge, as was said of another great judge, when the judicial ermine rested upon his shoulders it touched nothing less pure than itself.

To-day we mourn for an able, learned, most courteous, and greatly beloved Brother. Nor is the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania alone in its sorrow. The whole community in which he lived, and of which he was a striking ornament, grieves to-day at his departure. I shall not attempt any comment on his sound learning as a lawyer, or his great ability and success as a jurist and legal reformer, for to-morrow his Brethren of the bench and bar will pay merited tributes of love, respect, and esteem. But I may say that he possessed in an eminent degree those four qualifications which Soc-

rates said belonged to the judge,—to hear courteously, to answer wisely, to consider soberly, and to decide impartially.

As Grand Master of Masons, Brother ARNOLD was a strong conservator of the Ancient Landmarks of the Craft, and strenuously resisted all innovations. The record which will be made up in June will tell of his ability as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, and of his service as a Trustee of one of our great charities.

I refrain from speaking of his long and valiant struggle with death. God has laid his hand upon him, and he sleeps, and his is the reward of one who has wrought well, and was a faithful servant of his Great Master.

I admired and honored him in his life; I grieve and mourn for him in his death.

“Now the laborer’s task is o’er;
Now the battle-day is past;
Now upon the farther shore
Lands the voyager at last.
Father, in Thy gracious keeping
Leave we now our Brother sleeping.”

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 1 o’clock 20 minutes P.M.

William A. Sinn
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

Held at Philadelphia, June 3, A.D. 1903, A.L. 5903.

PRESENT:

Bro. EDGAR A. TENNIS . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Master.</i>
“ JAMES W. BROWN . . .	<i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i>
“ GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR. . .	<i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i>
“ GEORGE B. ORLADY . . .	<i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden.</i>
“ THOMAS R. PATTON . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ WILLIAM A. SINN . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i>
“ JOHN A. PERRY . . .	<i>Deputy Grand Secretary.</i>
“ CONRAD B. DAY . . .	<i>R. W. Past Grand Masters.</i>
“ MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON . . .	
“ WILLIAM J. KELLY . . .	
“ JOHN W. LANSINGER . . .	<i>D. D. Grand Masters.</i>
“ WILLIAM L. GORGAS . . .	
“ SAMUEL M. GOODYEAR . . .	
“ GEORGE H. SHIRK . . .	
“ DAVID H. WEAVER . . .	
“ THADDEUS S. ADLE . . .	
“ JOSEPH W. DAY . . .	
“ CHARLES S. VANDEGRIFT . . .	
“ JOHN J. HITTLE . . .	
“ WILLIAM D. WHITE . . .	
“ THOMAS F. WELLS . . .	
“ WILLIAM H. HULSIZER . . .	
“ JAMES W. PIATT . . .	

Bro. WENTWORTH D. VEDDER .	
“ EZRA C. DOTY	
“ BOYD G. STEEL	
“ WILSON I. FLEMING . .	
“ DAVID A. SAWDEY . . .	
“ ADRIAN W. MCCOY . . .	
“ WILLIAM B. MEREDITH .	
“ WILLIAM M. HAMILTON .	
“ JAMES W. McDOWELL . .	} <i>D. D. Grand Masters.</i>
“ GEORGE H. QUAILL . . .	
“ ALEXANDER ELLIOTT . .	
“ JOHN W. FARNSWORTH .	
“ JOHN D. GOFF	
“ FRANK C. O'ROURKE . .	
“ SAMUEL HAMILTON . . .	
“ GEORGE D. PETERS . . .	
“ RICHARD E. COCHRAN . .	
“ CHARLES H. BOND	
“ GEORGE W. MACLAUGHLIN,	} <i>Grand Chaplains.</i>
D.D.	
“ CHARLES M. SWAIN . . .	<i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
“ JOHN L. KINSEY	<i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
“ GEORGE A. HOWE	} <i>Grand Stewards.</i>
“ McCLUNEY RADCLIFFE . .	
“ GEORGE B. WELLS	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
“ ROBERT J. LINDEN . . .	<i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
“ J. HENRY WILLIAMS . . .	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
“ HOWARD MARCH	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

One hundred and twenty-seven Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 7 o'clock P.M.

Copies of proposed By-Laws and proposed Amendments to By-Laws were received from a number of Lodges and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

A communication was read from Lodge No. —, requesting Grand Lodge to remove the suspension of

B. G. W., who was suspended from said Lodge for unmasonic conduct, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the request be granted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

The Committee on By-Laws made the following report, and the resolutions attached thereto were adopted :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons :

Your Committee on By-Laws beg leave to report that they have examined the By-Laws and Amendments to By-Laws referred to them, and respectfully offer the following resolutions :

Resolved, that the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 222 be amended as follows :

Article XI., Section 2.—By striking out the words “their successors and assigns” and changing the numbers of the following : Article IX. to Article XI., Article X. to Article XII., Article XI. to Article IX., and Article XII. to Article X.

And that as so amended they be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 312 be amended as follows :

Article IX.—By striking out the words “of the Charity Fund.”

Article X., Section 2.—By striking out the words “unless specially authorized to do so by vote of the Lodge.”

And that as so amended they be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No 448 be amended as follows :

Article III., Section 2.—By striking out the words “his successors and assigns.”

Article IV., Section 2.—By striking out “otherwise than by ballot.”

Article VIII., Section 1.—By striking out “upon payment of ten dollars.”

Article IX., Section 2.—By striking out the word “regalia” and inserting “clothing.”

Article X., Section 1.—By striking out the words “his successors and assigns.”

Article X., Section 2.—By striking out the words “their successors and assigns.”

And that as so amended they be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 459 be amended as follows :

Article II., Section 2.—By striking out the words “two years previous to election” and inserting in lieu thereof the following : “the time of the election, including the dues for said meeting.”

Article II., Section 3.—By striking out the words “two years.”

Article V., Section 1.—By striking out “subject to the provisions of Section 1, Article IV.”

And that as so amended they be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 583 be amended by striking out Section 3, Article VI.

And that as so amended they be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 626 be amended as follows :

Article II., Section 2.—By striking out the word “not” in the second line and the word “only” in the fourth line and inserting in the fourth line the word “not” before “eligible” and “nor” in place of the word “and.”

Article III., Section 3.—By striking out the words “for the time being, his successors and assigns.”

Article III., Section 4.—By striking out in the seventh line

the word "meeting" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "election."

Article IV., Section 2.—By inserting in the first line after the word "membership" the words "or for membership only."

Article V., Section 2.—By striking out the entire section.

Article VI., Section 1.—By striking out the words "or by a vote of the Lodge."

Article VI., Section 2.—By changing the words "Article XVII., Section 41, page 55," to "Article XIX., Section 1, page 56."

Article VIII., Section 1.—By striking out the words "Section 45, page 56," and inserting "Section 6, page 58."

Article X., Section 2.—By striking out the words "their successors and assigns."

And that as so amended they be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodges Nos. 3, 155, 223, 227, 253, 287, 291, 298, 437, 441, 466, 508, 582, 590, and 606 be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodge No. 108 be not approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodges Nos. 59, 62, 219, 245, 274, 305, 525, and 554 be approved, and that the said Lodges be directed to further amend their By-Laws to conform to the Rules and Regulations of Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That of the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodge No. 45, Article III., Section 8, and Article V., Section 1, be approved, and that Section 9 of Article III. be amended by striking out the words "subject to the vote of the Lodge," and that the Lodge be directed to further amend its By-Laws to conform to the Rules and Regulations of Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendment to the By-Laws of Lodge No. 275 be amended by striking out the words "by a vote of the Lodge or," and that the Lodge be directed to further amend its By-laws to conform to the Rules and Regulations of Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodge No. 430 be approved with the exception of Section 4, Article III., and that it be amended by striking out the last clause after the word "require."

And that as so amended it be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendment to the By-Laws of Lodge No. 487 be approved, and that the Lodge be directed to amend Section 3 of Article VI. of its By-laws by striking out the words "by a vote of the Lodge or."

Resolved, That the proposed Amendment to the By-Laws of Lodge No. 493 be amended by striking out the words "by a vote of the Lodge or."

And that as so amended it be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendment to the By-Laws of Lodge No. 549 be amended by striking out the words "these alterations shall be in effect and apply to all dues for the year A.D. 1903, A.L. 5903."

And that as so amended it be approved.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

CHARLES CARY,
JAMES S. BARBER,
CHAS. F. WIGNALL,
JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON,
SYLVESTER S. GARWOOD,

Committee on By-Laws.

PHILADELPHIA, June 3, 1903.

MASONIC HOMES.

The Committee on the establishment of Masonic Homes made the following report, and the preamble and resolution attached thereto were, on motion, adopted :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons :

Your Committee, appointed at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held March 4, A.D. 1903, A.L. 5903, to confer with the Subordinate Lodges of this Jurisdiction upon the subject of establishing in Central and Western Pennsylvania Homes for the care of our indigent Brethren, their aged wives, widows, and their orphan children, respectfully report that they have received reports from three hundred and twenty-four Lodges, of which two hundred and eighty-one are in favor of the establishment of such Homes ; and we offer the following :

WHEREAS, A large majority of Lodges have acted favorably on the subject ; therefore be it

Resolved, That the report of the Committee be received, and the Grand Officers and five Brethren, to be appointed by the Right Worshipful Grand Master, be added to the Committee, and the Committee as thus constituted make further report as to details and financial plans at the Quarterly Communication of September next.

For the Committee,

WILLIAM M. HAMILTON,

Chairman.

WILLIAM L. GORGAS,

Secretary.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master, in accordance with the resolution of the Committee on establishing Masonic Homes, just adopted, appointed Brothers

LOUIS WAGNER, Z. TAYLOR RICKARDS, JOHN S. STEVENS, GEORGE J. VANDEGRIFT, and CHARLES CHIPMAN.

A petition was received for a Warrant for a new Lodge to be held at Harrisburg, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, which was, on motion, referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A petition was received for a Warrant for a new Lodge to be held at Sewickley, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, which was, on motion, referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A petition was received for a Warrant for a new Lodge to be held at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, which was, on motion, referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

Brother PETER BOYD reported to Grand Lodge as follows, relative to the Bequests of WILLIAM McCLARY, now deceased :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons :

WILLIAM McCLARY, late of the City of Philadelphia, died on the 15th day of January, 1902, having first made his last will and testament, dated October 6, 1900, which was duly proved and now remains lodged in the office of the Register of Wills in the City of Philadelphia. A copy of said will has been filed with the Right Worshipful Grand Master. The testator was not a member of the Fraternity of Freemasons, but his son, CHARLES JACKSON McCLARY, who predeceased him,

was an active and well-known member of that body for many years. By the terms of the will of WILLIAM McCLARY the following bequests were made :

“Item. I give and bequeath to the Grand Lodge of Free Masons of Pennsylvania in memory of my deceased son CHARLES JACKSON McCLARY the sum of Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) in perpetual trust, the interest and income only to be used for the support of the Masonic Home for Aged Masons located at No. 3333 North Broad Street, Philadelphia. The above bequest to be called the ‘Charles Jackson McClary Memorial Fund.’

“Item. I also give and bequeath to the Grand Lodge of Free Masons of Pennsylvania the sum of Thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) in trust to be kept as a perpetual fund, the interest only to be used for a Home for the education and support of the orphan children of Free Masons, if one should be established by the Grand Lodge within twenty (20) years from the year nineteen hundred (1900). If no home is organized within said period, but not otherwise, the said fund of Thirty thousand dollars with the accumulations of interest and income thereon shall be paid over by the Grand Lodge to THOMAS R. PATTON, MICHAEL ARNOLD, LOUIS WAGNER, GEORGE E. WAGNER, and PETER BOYD, whom I appoint as Trustees, five in number, and who are to continue in office during their lives unless their offices should be vacated by resignation or removal from the Jurisdiction, in which case and in case of the decease of any of said trustees the Grand Lodge shall by election fill all vacancies ; and upon the decease of all of said trustees elect thereafter the entire Board. My said Trustees shall invest the said fund and keep it invested in absolutely safe bonds or other strictly good securities, having respect more to the safety of the principal than to obtaining a large income therefrom. The interest and income therefrom shall be reinvested and added to the principal until the capital shall amount to Fifty thousand dollars, which shall thereafter remain a permanent fund. The interest and income thereof shall be used from time to time for the education and support of minor children of Free Masons in good standing in said Order in ac-

cordance with a code of rules and regulations to be prepared by my Trustees and to be adopted and approved by the Grand Lodge. The above bequest is to be called the 'Charles Jackson McClary Memorial Fund.'"

By the direction of the Right Worshipful Grand Master the matter of the bequests was placed in the hands of the undersigned, with the request that he should attend to the receipt and collection of the same in the due course of law.

After the lapse of a year the executors of the estate filed their account, and the account was docketed in the Orphans' Court of Philadelphia County as of January Term, 1903, No. 343. It was called for audit before our Brother the Hon. WILLIAM B. HANNA, on March 5, 1903, and in the adjudication of the account there was awarded to the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Pennsylvania the respective amounts mentioned in the foregoing extracts from the will of the decedent. In accordance with the requirements of the adjudication a schedule of distribution was subsequently prepared by the executors and filed of record under the above term and number. By that schedule of distribution the legacy of twenty thousand dollars was increased by the sum of three hundred dollars, being accrued interest on the legacy, and the legacy of thirty thousand dollars was increased for a similar reason by the additional sum of four hundred and fifty dollars. On May 19, 1903, the above sums were received by the undersigned, and on the same day transmitted to Grand Lodge. There has, therefore, been paid to and received by the Grand Lodge the sum of twenty thousand dollars in full of the legacy given under the first extract of the will of WILLIAM McCLARY, hereinabove set forth, and three hundred dollars to be credited on account of interest and income on that legacy, and there has also been paid to and received by the Grand Lodge the additional sum of thirty thousand dollars in full of the legacy given under the second extract of the said will hereinabove set forth, and four hundred and fifty dollars to be credited on account of interest and income on said legacy. The principal of these legacies is to be kept intact in accordance

with the provisions of the will and the directions of the auditing judge, and the interest and income can only be appropriated to the specific objects named by the testator in his will, and cannot be diverted to any other purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER BOYD.

On motion of Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Brother JAMES W. BROWN, it was

Resolved, That Grand Lodge hereby tenders a vote of thanks to Brother PETER BOYD for his services to Grand Lodge and the interest he has manifested gratuitously in the matter of the William McClary bequests.

In Memoriam.

Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden
Brother GEORGE BOAL ORLADY addressed
Grand Lodge as follows :

“MICHAEL ARNOLD died April 24, 1903, in the 63d year of his age,” was the inscription on a plain casket placed in a burial vault on April 27 last in West Laurel Hill Cemetery, with the impressive funeral service of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons. The attending concourse embraced high church dignitaries, eminent judges and lawyers, officials of the city, and many prominent civilians. All who participated in this funeral pageant were conscious that the remains of an unusual person were being committed to a final resting-place.

We will not attempt to discuss the philosophy of life—its duties and responsibilities—its lessons and opportunities. We buried a Brother, and, in observance of a well-established custom, we now make an official record of his departure from us.

To all those who were brought into personal touch with Brother ARNOLD there remains a sweet memory of a special friendship. The record of his life is a difficult one for registry ; he filled many stations and accomplished great ends. He impressed his personality on every place or person in which or with whom he was associated, and he has left us a record of good deeds to voice his fame.

He was made a Mason in Rising Star Lodge, No. 126, of this Jurisdiction, having been entered January 23, 1871, passed February 27, 1871, and raised March 27, 1871. He served as Junior Warden in 1875, Senior Warden in 1876, Worshipful Master in 1877, and was Secretary in 1878. In December, 1886, he was elected Junior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge, and served as such for the Masonic year of 1887. He was elected Senior Grand Warden in December of 1888-89, Deputy Grand Master in December, 1890-91, and Right Worshipful Grand Master in December, 1892-93, serving as such for the Masonic years of 1893 and 1894. He was a member of the Committee on Appeals from 1878 to 1886. He was a Trustee of the Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund from 1889 until his death. He was a Trustee of the Title to the Masonic Temple and other Real Estate of the Grand Lodge in 1894 and 1895. He was a member of the Committee on Landmarks from 1894 until his death. He was the Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence from 1895 until his death. He was a member of Oriental Chapter, No. 183, having received his degrees in that body in 1874, and served as Scribe in 1884, King in 1885, and High Priest in 1886. He was a member of the Committee on Correspondence of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, 1889 to 1892 inclusive. He was born 1840 at Philadelphia, and died April 24, 1903, leaving to survive him a widow, two daughters, and one son.

His official identification with the Fraternity is but

a feeble exhibit of his real influence in Freemasonry. He taught in a subtle and convincing way that its tenets and Landmarks were sacred memorials of the best of the past, and should be applied to our humanity so as to develop the best of the present. He was a many-sided character, and studied humanity from its varied points of strength and weakness. He applied his learning to confirm the teachings of our Masonic history, and to convince the credulous that it was not only an Ancient and Honorable Institution, but was founded upon a code of rules which assured the highest development of mankind to the best levels of citizenship and comradeship. He won the hearts of men by uncommon rules, and was so fortunately framed and trained that all regarded him as wise and true, and he was so amiably tempered that his associates always greeted him as a most lovable friend. His mind was as sensitive to receive impressions as a photographic plate, and his memory was as accurate as a record in granite. In all his studies, in all his contentions, in all his ministrations he advocated the performance of man's highest duty to his fellow-man, and man's accountability to his God. Without the antecedents of wealth or station, he stepped to a front place early in his life as a leader in thought, and his influence was felt by all classes and conditions of men.

In secular affairs he was as prominent as in fraternal relations. As an attorney he had no specialty, but filled the full measure of a great lawyer in all the courts. In the mazes of special pleading; in the con-

duct of trial; in the appeal to court and jury in civil or criminal cause, his opponent ever felt that under his magic power a poor cause became strong, and his client felt assured that every legal right had been asserted in his behalf. Twenty years of active service as a law judge furnished a wide field for his fertile mind, and he has written himself into the literature of the profession as one of the ablest jurists of the Commonwealth. His universal fairness, his sagacity, diligence, determination, honesty, and his freedom from all improper influences conjoined to make him an ideal judge, in whom all suitors, whether rich or poor, friend or stranger, had full confidence that justice as administered under his direction was never bought, sold, nor delayed. His brethren of the bar have preserved his achievements in fitting memorials, and his renown as a judge will be a treasure in the great archives of the law. Without any attempt at wit, rhetoric, or display, he asserted his humor to persuade and convince, and by his friends he was loved as a fountain of perpetual pleasure. In Lodge, in court, at home, or in social life he was always the same,—true, pure, and tender, giving from his great fund of original thought and experience much of practical knowledge and entertainment. He truthfully epitomized his own character in a eulogy he delivered in this Grand Lodge, when speaking of his friend and co-worker Right Worshipful Past Grand Master RICHARD VAUX, as follows:

“He was a man of original genius, fertile in the conception of plans for improving and continuing the

works in which he was engaged. All the bodies of which he was a member felt the impress of his individuality. He did not content himself with simply following others, but he led them; holding fast to that which was good wherever it was found, while he was quick to discover that which was bad, and to suggest plans for correcting evils and substituting good forms in their place."

The dreaded summons, "Be ye therefore ready also," came to him at a time when he was in the apparent flush of perfect health, crowned with power and honor. A malignant disease affected him without any known cause. The diagnosis was convincing and the result was certain. For two and a half years he suffered pain incessantly. The highest surgical skill was invoked; seven heroic operations were performed, every expedient was used, but every day made more certain that the end of his joyous life was to be a lingering and painful one. Solicitous friends showered their kindnesses to his hospital bed. At two annual Grand Communications of this Grand Lodge our Brotherly sympathy was transmitted to him through engrossed resolutions, and through the long days and nights of his suffering he evinced the highest fortitude and submission. Always appreciative of attention, he never uttered a word of complaint, and passed down into the valley of the shadow of death an honest and fearless man,—longing to live, but not afraid to die. He met the last order in confident hope that at the final judgment to be entered in that court of last resort, in

which we must in our turn submit the record of life, the decision would be in his favor. "From the voiceless lips of the unreplying dead there comes no word, but in the night of death, hope sees a star and listening love can hear the rustle of a wing."

" 'You are growing old,' they tell us,
 ' Every year ;
 You are more alone,' they tell us,
 ' Every year ;
 You can win no new affection,
 You have only recollection,
 Deeper sorrow and dejection,
 Every year. '

" The shores of life are shifting,
 Every year ;
 And we are seaward drifting,
 Every year ;
 Old places, changing, fret us,
 The living more forget us,
 There are fewer to regret us,
 Every year.

" But the truer life draws nearer,
 Every year ;
 And its morning star climbs higher,
 Every year ;
 Earth's hold on us grows slighter,
 And the heavy burden lighter,
 And the Dawn Immortal brighter,
 Every year. "

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F. and A. M. makes this record of the death of Right

Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother MICHAEL ARNOLD, who departed this life on April 24, A.D. 1903, A.L. 5903, at Philadelphia. He was actively identified with this Fraternity for thirty-two years, and filled the stations of the highest dignity in his Subordinate and in this Grand Lodge with honor to himself and with great advantage to the Craft. His high personal character, his charming personality, his great learning and distinction as a judge, his loyalty to the teachings of Freemasonry, secured him a host of admirers and friends, who mourn his death as a personal bereavement.

Resolved, That in testimony of regard for his memory, the stations and jewels of the Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge be draped in mourning for six months; and

Resolved, That these resolutions be recorded in the minutes of this Communication of the Grand Lodge, and that a copy thereof be engrossed and delivered to the family of Brother ARNOLD.

Brother PETER BOYD addressed Grand Lodge as follows :

The glowing words of eulogy, that have come burning from the heart of the Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, give expression in fitting sentence to the thoughts of many hearts and touch, as with a master's hand, responsive chords in every breast. Nothing more need be said, than has been said by him. It may

well seem that nothing more could be said, and yet before the Masonic record of our beloved friend is closed and his name, although a glorious history, becomes but a history in Freemasonry, I would crave the indulgence of the Brethren for a moment that I might tell, in some feeble way, how great and high he was to me as a Mason and a Brother. What he was personally to each of us is part of the treasure of our life; to be cherished in the innermost shrine of the heart, there to remain as a sacred thing until we shall see him again face to face when the day breaks and the shadows flee away. But his Masonic record belongs to the Fraternity, and of that record it may become our duty to speak in discharge of a debt of love that we owe to him and an obligation due to the Brethren. Masonry is religion in the truest and most real sense. It is not a religion of a class or sect or division, but the religion of humanity. It shines with equal radiance under a Mosaic as under a Christian dispensation; giving expression to the deepest and profoundest truths of both and binding together as with a living cord the old and the new. It offers to its followers no debatable propositions in science, no theoretical systems of applied logic, no scholastic or recondite dreams or visions for their acceptance or belief. Founded as it is on the existence of an eternal and ever-living God, by whose will men were formed to dwell on earth in fraternal love and to share together in an immortality beyond the grave, it asks of those who pass its portals that they shall reverence and love the Almighty, that they

shall dwell in charity with their Brethren, and that they shall suffer not the fear of death to swerve them from honor, fidelity, and truth. It counts mercy above sacrifice and the service of the heart more than prayers or postulations or penance. Its ideals and its teachings are all practical, and lay emphasis on the loving performance of the simple duties of life, the cheerful acceptance of the will of the Great Architect on high, and the glorious hope and belief in the resurrection and life beyond the grave. It has on its pages the names of many illustrious Brethren who have realized these high ideals, and it has been given to us to see in the life and death of our friend one who takes rank among the most illustrious and who fulfilled and exemplified in daily practice the deepest and most spiritual precepts of the Craft. In simple faith he walked with the Unseen, in charity and love he dwelt with the Brethren, and in calmness and quiet he awaited the approach of death from a disease that he knew was fatal and would in a short and determined time end in painful dissolution. No warrior ever faced death with more bravery or courage; no martyr ever bore suffering with more patience or fortitude; no saint ever bowed with more cheerful submission to the will of an inscrutable and unseen Providence. Living as he did for the greater part of the last year of his life amidst the depressing scenes of sorrow and pain in a surgical ward, he went in and out of his chamber of suffering sharing with his friends the pleasures that he so much enjoyed and fulfilling the duties of the high office which he held with

so much honor in the community. And yet those who were near him tell us that when the hours of night came on and he thought himself to be alone, his sobs could be heard like the crying of a child, with the pain that he so patiently endured. He weaved the pattern of his life in his last days in sorrow and with tears, though to the world his face only showed the reflection of his kindly and gentle soul. Thus he bore himself among us as a true and faithful Brother, and thus he passed from earth to where beyond these voices there is peace. In life he was as a benediction; in death he has become a glorious and lasting inspiration. May the Great Architect of the Universe so direct our lives that we may be found worthy to sit with him in the Grand Lodge above, even as we were wont, in the days that are gone, to sit and commune with him in this Grand Lodge on earth.

District Deputy Grand Master Brother SAMUEL HAMILTON addressed Grand Lodge as follows :

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER AND BRETH-
REN OF GRAND LODGE:

We have heard the story of Past Grand Master ARNOLD's life from the eloquent lips of one of his honored associates. We have listened to the tribute of respect so fittingly expressed by a Brother who loved him in life and who still loves him; for "what virtue joins death cannot sever." They have enshrined his memory

in a lily-white garland of love, and silence at this moment would be more expressive than anything I can offer. Indeed, had my pleasure been consulted, a worthier advocate than myself would speak for the District Deputies on this occasion. Our departed Brother was very close to them. He was their friend, their associate, their counsellor, and their Brother. They respected, admired, and loved him, and the feeble language at my command is entirely inadequate to voice, in any appropriate way, the sentiments of love and affection that are welling up in their hearts as I stand before you.

Life is the vestibule of eternity ; the preparing-room of the soul. In it man may divest himself of some of the vices and superfluities, and put on the higher vestments, ere he enter that "spiritual Temple, that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens ;" the Grand Lodge celestial, whose convocations are continuous, and whose Grand Master with supreme equity and justice presides forever.

On the other hand, death is initiation ; an initiation that is full, perfect, and complete. It is the portal of a larger, fuller, more glorious, and more complete life. It is the door-way through which the initiate steps from a world carnal to a world spiritual, from darkness into light.

Thus Brother ARNOLD has been initiated. The period of his probation has ended. The light of his eye has been darkened. The music of his tuneful voice has been hushed. The beauty of his countenance has

faded. The unseen guide, that stands at your side at this moment, has conducted him into the presence of the Great Master, before whom he knelt when years ago he first crossed the threshold of the Craft.

We have just heard that his life was many-sided. The circle of his character was full and well rounded. He had many noble traits. But to me he seemed always the kind, true-hearted, unassuming manly man. His was, indeed, a kindly nature. He was patient, gentle, firm, strong, faithful, just, and manly in all his actions. A touch of genuine manhood ran through the web of his life like a scarlet thread, making it beautiful and attractive to all. Sincerity was the coin of his realm, and he kept it in constant circulation. With it he purchased the love of his Brethren, the respect of his associates, and the admiration even of those whose lot in life made them for the moment his unwilling antagonists. In the garden of his memory there are many fragrant flowers ; but none is more beautiful and attractive, more delicate and exquisite, than his genuine, loyal, true-hearted manhood.

Then Brother ARNOLD was not only a true man, he was a true Mason as well. Some Masons wear their jewels on their breasts, others in them. Our dear Brother was one of the latter. Like others, he had jewels of silver and gold presented by his Brethren, but these will melt with fire and tarnish with time, but he had also the priceless jewels of character that brightened with years and defy even the rust of ages. His Masonry was not an outer garment to be worn on spe-

cial occasions and then to be thrown aside at will ; it was a part of his life, a manner of living, a thing inseparable from himself. His feet trod nimbly the Masonic heights, his eye pierced keenly the veil of Masonic symbolism, and his heart and character fed richly upon the thing symbolized. His jewels were genuine, the jewels which only the true man and the true Mason can wear.

Some Brethren have what may be called the Masonry of the head, others the Masonry of the heart. Brother ARNOLD belonged to both of these types. As a Mason he was both great and good. Great in the sense that he filled acceptably, as we have heard to-night, the highest office within the gift of his Brethren, where his work gave unmistakable evidence of great Masonic wisdom and sound Masonic judgment. But he was good as well as great, and there is a marked distinction between these two qualities. Greatness springs from the head ; goodness from the heart. And goodness outranks greatness as the sun outranks the stars. There is a strong rivalry in this age between the head and the heart. We are likely to place intellect on the throne and give heart power a seat among the lowly. But no such distinction can be made regarding our distinguished Brother. His Masonry was a thing both of the head and the heart. His judicial temperament, broad culture, his solid learning and Masonic wisdom were greatly admired by all ; but it was the virtues of his heart that most endeared him to his Brethren. For his thoughts of love and loyalty for them, his impulses

of honor and honesty towards them, his words of sympathy and sincerity with them, and his acts of charity for all came not from his intellect or his learning; they were deeply rooted in the very fibre of a true Masonic heart. "Out of the heart are the issues of life," and in it are born all the truly great achievements of men. Sympathy in the heart of a woman gave us the Red Cross Society. Sympathy in the heart of a man gave freedom to the slave and lighted the torch of human liberty in the western world. Sympathy in the heart of hearts gave the Sermon on the Mount and the plan of redemption. True Masonry includes both. Its lessons appeal to the head, and its virtues blossom from the heart. So it was with our Brother. His heart was the abode of all those manly virtues that characterized his life. From it they went forth on the wings of love and mercy, ministering to the wants of the worthy, and pointing out the unselfishness of his life, the purity of his character, the sincerity of his purpose, and the nobility of his manhood. His Masonry was of the genuine type; it found a habitation in both head and heart.

"The evil men do lives after them, the good is oft interred with their bones." So spake the Bard of Avon. and men to-day are likely to accept the statement without question. But he uttered only a half-truth, for the beautiful, the good, and the true live also. Kind deeds are imperishable, kind thoughts are eternal, kind hearts are immortal; and the good in the life of a true Brother like our departed spans the horizon of a

greater world than ours. No, the good is not forgotten. Rather would we believe with George Eliot, when a good man dies he merely goes to

“join that choir invisible
Of those immortal dead, who live again
In minds made better by their presence ;—live
In pulses stirred to generosity,
In deeds of daring rectitude, in scorn
Of miserable aims that end in self,
In thoughts sublime that pierce the night like stars,
And with their mild persistence urge man’s search
To vaster issues.”

We live in minds made better by his presence ; in pulses stirred by his generosity ; in deeds of daring rectitude, because of his life ; in scorn of selfish aims, because of his unselfishness ; and in thoughts sublime that pierce the night like stars, because of his noble example. The poet was mistaken,

“For the glory born of goodness never dies,
And its flag is not half-masted in the skies.”

And the good in the life of our Brother still lives to lift and bless us with its hallowed memories.

In building the Mosque of St. Sophia, five hundred years before the Christian era, a small quantity of musk was used in the mortar of one of the rooms, and to-day, after twenty-five centuries have taken their silent flight into the oblivion-horized past, the traveller in that room may still detect the odor of the

musk. So the fragrance of the good, strong, manly life of our Brother will remain. It will linger with his associates, and rise as holy incense, perpetuating his name and his memory, and filling the very nostrils of the Craft with the sacred odors of a well-spent Masonic life.

Our Brother is gone, but we are his legatees. He enriched us with his fortune,—his thought, his word, his act, his example, his character. His life lingers, his influence broadens, his memory remains. The seed that he scattered is growing; the flowers that he planted are blooming; the scions that he set are bending with luscious fruit. And his whole life, all that he was, and all that he did mutely points us with significant finger to the sublime promise of the Great Grand Master,—“Be ye faithful unto death, and I will give you a crown of life.”



On motion of Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother WILLIAM J. KELLY, it was *Resolved*, That one thousand copies of the eulogiums on Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother MICHAEL ARNOLD, be printed and a copy sent to each Lodge in this Jurisdiction and to each Grand Lodge with which this Grand Lodge is in fraternal correspondence.

Brother THOMAS R. PATTON, Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer, announced that he had appointed Brother THOMAS R. PATTON, JR., a Trustee of the Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother MICHAEL ARNOLD.

Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, Brother JOSIAH W. EWAN, addressed Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock 10 minutes P.M.

William A. Sinn
Grand Secretary

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

Held at Philadelphia, July 17, A.D. 1903, A.L. 5903.

PRESENT:

Bro. EDGAR A. TENNIS . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Master.</i>
“ GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR. . .	{ <i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden. Acting R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i>
“ CHARLES M. SWAIN . . .	
“ HIBBERT P. JOHN . . .	{ <i>Acting R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i>
“ THOMAS R. PATTON . . .	
“ WILLIAM A. SINN . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ WILLIAM A. RHOADS . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i>
“ CONRAD B. DAY . . .	{ <i>As Deputy Grand Secretary.</i>
“ WILLIAM J. KELLY . . .	
“ JOHN W. LANSINGER . . .	{ <i>R. W. Past Grand Masters.</i>
“ THADDEUS S. ADLE . . .	
“ JOHN J. HITTLE . . .	
“ JOHN D. GOFF . . .	
“ CHARLES H. BOND . . .	{ <i>D. D. Grand Masters.</i>
“ JOHN L. KINSEY . . .	
“ JOHN D. GOFF . . .	
“ GEORGE J. VANDEGRIFT . .	
“ WALTER D. GREEN . . .	{ <i>Grand Stewards.</i>
“ GEORGE B. WELLS . . .	
“ ROBERT J. LINDEN . . .	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
“ THOMAS S. STOUT . . .	<i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
“ HOWARD MARCH . . .	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
“	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

Thirty-four Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 12 o'clock m.

In Memoriam.

Right Worshipful Grand Master Brother
EDGAR A. TENNIS addressed Grand Lodge as
follows :

“How fast they fall, those we have known,
As leaves from autumn branches
So quickly sear.
Yes, one by one, they drop away,
As withered leaves they fall and stray
And disappear.”

Less than three months have passed since Grand Lodge was convened in Special Communication, to mourn the loss of a Past Grand Master, and to be thus convened to-day, to pay tribute to our Senior Past Grand Master, adds sorrow to hearts already pressed by grief and marks this session as most peculiar and distinctive in all our history as a Grand Body.

Brother SAMUEL C. PERKINS, Senior Past Grand Master of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging, was born in Philadelphia, November 14, 1828, and died in the city of his birth July 14, A.D. 1903, A.L. 5903.

He was our Senior Past Grand Master, having served as Grand Master in 1872 and 1873. He was also the Senior Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, having served as Grand High Priest in 1866 and 1867.

How honorably and acceptably he filled these positions, as well, all the duties of an active and useful

life, will be recited at our Quarterly Communication in September next, by R. W. Past Grand Master Brother CONRAD B. DAY, whom I have requested to perform this duty.

Aside from the duty that may devolve upon us, to honor the memory of a Brother who has been notably eminent in the affairs of Grand Lodge, his death seems an appropriate time at which to emphasize some of the fundamental principles of our Masonic faith and, notably, our belief in God and in the Immortality of the Soul.

A reasonable amount of time may well be granted for such a purpose. Dignified silence and devout attention should be observed by all present. Much as we have to do, and little as is the time allowed in which to do it, there is nothing more important than fortifying our Masonic faith, making secure our foundations of belief and causing permanent record to be made of our convictions.

God, Immortality, and Duty are the three inspiring trumpet-calls to men and Masons. The idea of Immortality is as old as the human race and as reasonable as any proposition that finds universal acceptance. Masonry did not originate the belief, though of the institutions in this world it stands oldest, to have taught this fundamental truth.

Death cannot end all ; no, no, we cannot die.
 In death's unrobing room we strip from round us
 The garments of mortality and earth ;
 And breaking from the embryo state that bound us,
 Our day of dying becomes our day of birth.

The Masonic Burial Service was then performed.

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother WILLIAM J. KELLY, addressed Grand Lodge as follows :

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER :

My acquaintance with Brother PERKINS began forty years ago. I was then a comparatively young man in years and but an apprentice in Masonry. The inception of our acquaintance was the beginning of our friendship, which has existed unbroken during all that period. I was at once impressed with the dignity of his manner, which was so pronounced as to amount to reticence, and whose habit was to affect his way of treating those with whom he came in contact that had a distinct tendency to repel even ordinary familiarity of acquaintance. Observing him somewhat closely, for his ability was so pronounced that he never failed to command respect and attention, and being thrown in his company Masonically quite frequently, I made a study of his disposition closely, and soon found that what appeared to be coldness was encased in so thin a shell that a breath would shatter it, leaving a brave, kind-hearted, broad-minded man, whose every pulsation was for the good of his fellow-man and whose every effort was exerted to benefit mankind.

In his profession he was a leader, always commanding the confidence of the courts and the respect

of his colleagues of the bar. His ability as a lawyer was enhanced by his aptitude and training as a business man, the science and intricacies of which were developed in him to a remarkable degree, and which, added to his courage, both physical and moral, gave him a power in the community of most commanding importance.

His masterful management in the building of this Temple, of which he was chairman, is most gratefully remembered by us. His services to his native city in many ways, notably the erection of the Public Buildings, will remain a monument to his memory for all time, and of which any one might, indeed, feel proud.

His honesty in the management of gigantic trusts with which he was connected was never questioned, and his success in their management stands as a beacon light for our guidance which makes it valuable to those who follow. He was tenacious in accomplishing whatever he undertook, overcoming any and all obstacles that so frequently spring up, and a large part of the criticisms he was compelled to endure were due to his having adopted a brusque manner to terminate interviews forced upon him for advanced information which his judgment taught him was not best to give, but with all such censure, if you please, which was kept up for years, at no time was there a single intimation of dishonesty imputed to him, nor was he smirched with even a hint of doing a dishonest act.

To our Fraternity he was most devoted; with the care of a large business, with his time largely occupied

with public duties, with a practical and large devotion to church duties, with a most tender regard for his family and an extraordinary attention to their comfort, true happiness, and amusement, we received from him time, care, and attention that was most marvellous to those who were in a position to appreciate them, and the thought comes upon me how to account for his great interest in our Fraternity. That great, strong, cultured gentleman, steeped to his eyes in business and duties above alluded to, he yet found time and interest to be with us in season and out of season, advising, directing, and consoling in our labors and distresses with a cheerfulness and punctuality that, as I have said, is marvellous.

I can only conclude that the greatest mystery in our existence is raised by the life of such a man to be explained by the reason that we are a religious body without being sectarian, that an applicant for fellowship with us must believe in the existence of a Supreme Being, that sectarianism is left outside and beyond our doors, that while we meddle not with any man's religion we demand of him a belief in the Creator of Heaven and earth, that we feel a dependence on and love for Him who doeth all things well.

Brother CHARLES M. SWAIN, Senior Grand Deacon, addressed Grand Lodge as follows :

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER AND BRETH-
REN :

Death has been busy in the last few years among the Past Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge, and now

we are called upon to mourn the decease of our Senior Past Grand Master Brother SAMUEL CLARKE PERKINS.

It was my privilege, as well as pleasure, to know him and to enjoy his friendship, our acquaintance beginning about sixteen years ago in a legal matter in which he acted as the counsel for the Commissioners of Fairmount Park, application having been made to the Commissioners for permission to take Rothermel's celebrated painting of the Battle of Gettysburg to Europe, and the Commission requested the parties to give bond in thirty thousand dollars for its safe return, and it was in connection with this bond that I formed Brother PERKINS's acquaintance.

On several occasions I have met him on business as the President of the Public Building Commission, and I particularly remember an interview with him in regard to a display of fireworks upon the roof of the City Hall at the celebration of the Dawn of the Twentieth Century. He was much concerned lest we might damage the building and set it on fire, but I assured him, on behalf of the Councilmanic Committee, that we would neither blow the building up nor burn it down, and he joined with the other members of the Commission in assenting to the roof display.

For three or four years I served with him as one of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the Masonic Temple Loan, of which committee he was the chairman.

Brother PERKINS was a gentleman of the "old school," and one whom you had to know very well to

know him at all. His training as a lawyer and business man and a man of affairs made him reticent, and unless you knew him well he was not apt to be communicative, but if you secured his friendship and he took a fancy to you, he was the most genial and companionable of men. Although born in the city of Philadelphia in 1828, and living here all his life, serving his city well and earning his reputation, he was proud of his New England ancestry, and frequently referred to it in the most affectionate manner. He was a man of indomitable energy and iron will, self-reliant and self-assertive, but always open to argument and considerate of the opinion of others whether they agreed with him or disagreed.

For several years he was president of the Alumni of the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania, and gave much of his time and attention to the duties which devolved upon him. Brother PERKINS was no figurehead in anything with which he became connected. He entered into the discharge of his duties with zeal and fidelity, performing all duties faithfully, giving the closest attention to the most minute details not only of large matters which were intrusted to his keeping, but to the ordinary small affairs which most men would hand over to subordinates for attention.

I will leave to others to speak of his great work as a member of the Presbyterian Church, but I know that he gave largely of his time and means not only for its benefit and advancement, but to all things connected with it.

For more than fifty years he was a member of the Philadelphia bar, having been admitted to practice in 1851. His industry and application at once placed him among the leaders, and his success as a counsellor and advocate were, and are, well known to the profession and the bench. He was an able lawyer.

He was an active and honorable member of the Union League, serving as a director for several years, and upon two occasions serving as vice-president.

Many years ago he became a member of the Commission for the erection of the Public Buildings in Philadelphia, and, without detriment or disparagement to those who served with him on that Commission, it can safely be said that he was its dominant spirit. Many attempts were made for the abolition of the Commission, but Brother PERKINS proved himself equal to the occasion every time, and it has only been within the past three years that the Commission was abolished and the buildings placed in the hands of the Commissioner of City Property of Philadelphia.

He was the Senior Past Master of Columbia Lodge, No. 91, in which Lodge I believe he was made a Mason. He was Senior Past High Priest of Columbia Chapter, No. 91, and he was the Senior Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania. In 1866 and 1867 he was the Most Excellent Grand High Priest. He served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania during the years 1872 and 1873, and from that time to the present has always evinced the greatest interest in our beloved

Fraternity. When he left the Chair of the Grand Master he was but forty-five years of age, being one of the youngest men who filled that position, and it has fallen to the lot of but few men to live for the space of thirty years as Past Grand Master.

As a lawyer, business man, friend, and a Mason he well sustained his part in helping to carry on the work of this active, busy world, and the world has been made better by reason of such men having lived and performed their allotted task in it.

In St. Paul's Cathedral in London there is an inscription which reads, "Seek ye a monument to Sir Christopher Wren? Look about you!" And so, my Brethren, if you seek a monument to Brother SAMUEL C. PERKINS, behold our Public Buildings!

And now, after he has reached and passed the allotted threescore years and ten, he has solved the mystery of death, the inevitable fate of all things living.

Brethren, let us cherish his memory and keep it green within our recollection, and as Freemasons let us emulate his example.

"After life's fitful fever he sleeps well."

Brother SAMUEL C. PERKINS, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania,

Hail and Farewell!

Brother JOHN S. STEVENS addressed Grand Lodge as follows:

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER AND BRETH-
REN :

Again has the Angel of Death cast the black shadow of its wing over this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, bringing with it a summons for a friend and Brother whom we all loved.

For more than two score years it has been my privilege to associate with Brother SAMUEL C. PERKINS in this Grand Body.

In these long years I have learned to admire, esteem, and respect him. His Brethren, appreciating his good qualities, have paid him their highest honors.

Our personal intimacy commenced when he, as Chairman of the "Building Committee" of this grand Masonic Temple, and I, as an humble artisan, aided in its erection and completion.

He was untiring in his efforts for the benefit of the Craft, giving of his valuable time, his ripe experience, and his best judgment without the expectation of fee or hope of reward.

His legal knowledge and experience peculiarly fitted him for service among the many committees and trusteeships of the Grand Lodge, while his advice and guidance were invaluable.

In private life he had a host of friends, who enjoyed and prized his friendship beyond the telling.

In his church relations he was equally honored, enjoying the respect and regard of his associates, and receiving at their hands marks of their highest commendation.

In public life he was honored, and, as a faithful and conscientious official, commanded and enjoyed the confidence and respect of his colleagues.

It was my good fortune to serve some years in the Public Building Commission, of which Brother PERKINS was the honored President, and from my own personal knowledge I can testify to his faithfulness to the duties of the office and his willing sacrifice of time and labor for the benefit of the public that has not been, and which I fear never will be, fully appreciated.

He was of a cheerful and loving disposition, enjoying his home and home-life very much; and when, a few years since, his wife and life-long companion was called to her rest, he mourned her loss deeply, although he manifested a cheerful resignation to the Divine will.

Later physical affliction visited him, and his eyesight became impaired, but with it all he maintained his cheerfulness, and we seldom, if ever, heard a word of complaint.

To sum up his character, he was a Mason, a Patriot, a Christian, a faithful official, a kind and loving husband, and an unselfish friend.

“God rest his soul in peace.”

Brother WILLIAM B. HACKENBURG addressed Grand Lodge as follows:

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER:

It may be superfluous for me to add aught to what has been so ably depicted by those who have preceded

me upon the life and character of our deceased Brother PERKINS, but the privilege and pleasure of a friendship covering nearly forty years prompts me in offering a few words of tribute to the memory of one whom early in my Masonic life I learned to respect and esteem.

Brother PERKINS's marked lovable character, his acts and deeds are so well known in this community, that words that we may utter would be simply a repetition of the brilliant record of his patriotism and love of country, sacrifices and unselfishness in his devotion for the welfare and highest interests of his native city, fidelity and faithfulness to every duty, public or private, that was intrusted to his care. A man with the greatest reverence for his God, full of love for his fellow-beings, must be a pure, religious, and moral man; these were the characteristics of the Brother whose loss we are here assembled to mourn. His every act of life proved his realization of the noblest and best principles of humanity; he looked upon "The Great Brotherhood of Man" as one family, and respected every worthy member of that Fraternity.

His love for Masonry, adherence to its traditional teachings, the work he bestowed for the best interests of this Grand Lodge and for the Craft, marks a long period of notable service and usefulness in the history of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. He was the staunch friend of right and justice in every form and the determined foe to anything unfair or that was dishonorable. His labors were gauged by "the plumb, level, and square," the working-tools of all good and

true Masons ; the results of his work were alike creditable to himself, to the Craft, and to this great city of Philadelphia, in which he lived and died, admired and respected as one of its eminent, useful, and honored citizens. His life is a lesson worthy of the emulation of all good and worthy men.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 1 o'clock 15 minutes P.M.

William A. Sinn
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

Held at Philadelphia, September 2, A.D. 1903, A.L. 5903.

PRESENT:

Bro. EDGAR A. TENNIS . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Master.</i>
" GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR. . . .	{ <i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i> <i>Acting R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i>
" CHARLES M. SWAIN . . .	
" JOHN L. KINSEY . . .	{ <i>Acting R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i> <i>Acting R. W. Junior Grand Warden.</i>
" THOMAS R. PATTON . . .	
" WILLIAM A. SINN . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i>
" JOHN A. PERRY . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i>
" CONRAD B. DAY . . .	{ <i>Deputy Grand Secretary.</i>
" WILLIAM J. KELLY . . .	
" GEORGE E. WAGNER . . .	{ <i>R. W. Past Grand Masters.</i>
" JOHN W. LANSINGER . . .	
" WILLIAM L. GORGAS . . .	{ <i>D. D. Grand Masters.</i>
" GEORGE H. SHIRK . . .	
" DAVID H. WEAVER . . .	
" THADDEUS S. ADLE . . .	
" JOSEPH W. DAY . . .	
" JOHN J. HITTLE . . .	
" MATTHEW M. MACMILLAN . . .	
" WILLIAM D. WHITE . . .	
" THOMAS F. WELLS . . .	
" JAMES W. PIATT . . .	

Bro. WENTWORTH D. VEDDER .	}	<i>D. D. Grand Masters.</i>
" EZRA C. DOTY		
" WILSON I. FLEMING . .		
" WILLIAM B. MEREDITH .		
" WILLIAM M. HAMILTON .		
" JAMES W. McDOWELL . .		
" GEORGE A. BROWN . . .		
" JOHN W. FARNSWORTH .		
" JOHN D. GOFF		
" JOHN J. JONES	}	<i>Grand Chaplains.</i>
" CHARLES H. BOND . . .		
" GEORGE W. MACLAUGHLIN, D.D.		
" FRANK B. LYNCH, D.D. .		
" WILLIAM M. HAMILTON .		<i>As Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
" THOMAS S. STOUT . . .		<i>As Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
" JOHN W. FARNSWORTH .	}	<i>As Grand Stewards.</i>
" MURDOCH KENDRICK . .		
" GEORGE B. WELLS . . .		<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
" ROBERT J. LINDEN . . .		<i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
" J. HENRY WILLIAMS . .		<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
" HOWARD MARCH		<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

One hundred and nine Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 7 o'clock P.M.

Copies of proposed By-Laws and proposed Amendments to By-Laws were received from a number of Lodges and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 164, at Washington, Washington County, Pennsylvania, requesting Grand Lodge to grant it a duplicate Warrant,

the original having been destroyed, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the request of said Lodge be granted.

A communication was read from Lodge No. —, requesting Grand Lodge to grant it permission to receive from N. C., who was rejected on second petition, February 13, 1900, a second application for permission to present a third petition, which was, on motion, granted.

A communication was read from the Worshipful Master of Lodge No. —, presenting a resolution adopted by the Lodge, requesting Grand Lodge to remit the Grand Lodge dues of said Lodge for the year 1902, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance with power to act.

REPORT OF RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND SECRETARY.

The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary made the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons :

The Grand Secretary herewith presents his annual report of the membership and the number of Lodges in this Masonic Jurisdiction for the year ending December 27, A.D. 1902, A.L. 5902.

Number of Lodges December 27, 1901 . . .	439
Lodges constituted during the year 1902 . . .	1
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Number of Lodges December 27, 1902 . . .	440
Membership of Lodges December 27, 1901 . . .	59,826
Admitted during the year 1902 . . .	559
Initiated during the year 1902 . . .	4,612
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	5,171
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	64,997
Suspended and expelled during 1902 . . .	506
Resigned during 1902 . . .	348
Deceased during 1902 . . .	1,046
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	1,900
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Membership December 27, 1902 . . .	63,097
Membership December 27, 1901 . . .	59,826
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Net increase during the year 1902 . . .	3,271

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM A. SINN,

Grand Secretary.

September 2, 1903.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

The Committee on By-Laws made the following report, and the resolutions attached thereto were adopted:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons:

Your Committee on By-Laws respectfully report that they have examined the By-Laws and Amendments to By-Laws referred to them, and offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 252 be amended as follows:

Article V., Section 3.—By striking out in the last paragraph all prior to the word “for.”

Article V., Section 4.—By striking out the words “his successors and assigns.”

Article V., Section 8.—By striking out the entire section.

Article XII.—By striking out the entire Article and numbering the succeeding Articles to correspond.

By striking out the “Rules of Order.”

And that as so amended they be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 504 be amended as follows :

Article VI., Section 1.—By striking out the words “by vote of the Lodge or.”

And that as so amended they be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 628 be amended as follows :

Article VI., Section 1.—By striking out “fifty” and inserting in lieu thereof “forty.”

And that as so amended they be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 630 be amended as follows :

Article III., Section 3.—By striking out the words “together with the names of the recommending Brethren and of the Committee of Inquiry.”

Article IV., Section 1.—By striking out in the last clause all after the word “Lodge.”

Article VI., Section 1.—By striking out the words “by vote of the Lodge or.”

Article XII., Section 5.—By striking out the entire section.

And that as so amended they be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodges Nos. 313, 318, 393, 429, 441, 525, 582, and 625 be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodges Nos. 244, 259, 283, 390, 484, and 530 be approved, and that said Lodges be directed to further amend their By-Laws to conform to the Rules and Regulations of Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodge No. 231 be amended as follows :

Article IV., Section 2.—By striking out in the fourth and eighth lines the word “accepted” and inserting in lieu thereof the word “approved.”

By striking out all after the word “Lodge” in the tenth line. And that the said Lodge be directed to further amend its By-Laws to conform to the Rules and Regulations of Grand Lodge and to file with the Grand Secretary a copy of its By-Laws in the English language.

Resolved, That of the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodge No. 363, Article I., Section 1, and the amendment to Article VI., adopted July 17, 1903, be approved, and that Article I., Section 4, and the amendment to Article VI., adopted June 19, 1903, be not approved.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES CARY,
JAMES S. BARBER,
CHARLES F. WIGNALL,
SYLVESTER S. GARWOOD,
JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON,
Committee on By-Laws.

“ MASONIC HOMES.”

District Deputy Grand Master Brother WILLIAM B. MEREDITH offered the following resolutions, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the same be printed, and a copy sent to each Lodge in this Jurisdiction, with notice that action will be had at the Quarterly Communication in December next, and that the financial features be referred to the Committee on Finance.

1. *Resolved*, That we recommend the establishment of a Masonic Home for Master Masons, their wives, widows, and their orphan children, to be under the jurisdiction and direction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

2. *Resolved*, That the Masonic Home be located in the central part of Pennsylvania, and that a committee of five be appointed by the Grand Master to select a site for said Home, which shall contain at least one hundred and fifty acres and be located on the line of some established steam railroad.

3. *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge guarantees principal and interest on an issue of three hundred thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, of 5-20 four per cent. bonds, the privilege to purchase being confined to the Masonic Bodies of Pennsylvania and membership thereof, and that a committee of five be appointed by the Grand Master to be known as "The Trustees of the Masonic Home Fund," which shall have charge of the sale of these bonds and the distribution of the proceeds thereof to the Building Committee as they may require the same, it being understood that the bonds shall not be sold below par.

4. *Resolved*, That in addition to the above source of revenue, an appeal be made by Grand Lodge to the Subordinate Lodges and the individual members thereof, to financially aid in the establishment of the home.

5. *Resolved*, That the dues from Subordinate Lodges to Grand Lodge, initiation fees, etc., shall remain as they now are, and that one-half of the dues and fees thus collected shall be set apart as a permanent fund for the maintenance of the Home and for such other purposes as may in the wisdom of the Board of Trustees be deemed necessary and proper, due regard to be observed for the payment of the present Masonic Temple debt, which shall have precedence.

6. *Resolved*, That the building of the Masonic Home shall be under the direction of a committee of five, to be known as "The Masonic Home Building Committee," to be appointed by the Grand Master with power to fill vacancies.

7. *Resolved*, That the Managers of the Masonic Home in Philadelphia, who have so zealously worked for the care of our aged Brethren, clearly demonstrating by their labors the necessity for Homes in this Jurisdiction, be, and are hereby invited to co-operate with Grand Lodge in this extension of practical Masonic charity in the Home-care of Master Masons, their wives, widows, and their orphan children.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master announced the following appointments :

Brother WILLIAM HAHN MAXWELL a District Deputy Grand Master for the Fortieth District, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Brother GEORGE D. PETERS, who contemplated removing from the Jurisdiction.

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother GEORGE E. WAGNER as Chairman of the Trustees of the Girard Bequest in place of Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother SAMUEL C. PERKINS, deceased.

Brother JAMES M. LAMBERTON as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence in place of Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother MICHAEL ARNOLD, deceased ; and Brother MURDOCH KENDRICK as a member of the Committee on Correspondence.

In Memoriam.

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother CONRAD B. DAY addressed Grand Lodge as follows :

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER AND BRETH-
REN OF GRAND LODGE :

The Angel of Death again has come into our midst and taken from us another Past Grand Master ; one who was endeared to the Brethren of this Grand Lodge, by the earnestness manifested in his Masonic life, the sincerity and honesty of his convictions, mingled with a dignity of presence and graciousness of manner that was certain of commanding the respect and esteem of those who were blessed with his friendship.

The duty of preparing the Memoriam of Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother SAMUEL C. PERKINS having been assigned to me, it is with misgivings of my ability that I have undertaken this sad yet pleasant duty. Sad, because of the sorrowful realities of the present, and pleasant, by reason of the bright and happy reminiscences of the past.

It was my good fortune to have been intimately associated with our deceased Brother in the administration of the affairs of this Grand Lodge, as well as in the ordinary routine of business life. Having been an active and earnest worker, devoting the best years of his life in the service of the Craft, his memory is

deserving of the most eloquent tribute that it is possible to bestow upon him.

SAMUEL CLARKE PERKINS was born in Philadelphia on November 14, 1828, and was of Revolutionary stock on his mother's side. One of his paternal ancestors, JOHN PERKINS, Sr., came from Newent, Gloucestershire, England, in 1631, and settled in Massachusetts. Some of his descendants moved to Connecticut, where SAMUEL H. PERKINS, father of the deceased, was born. His grandfather was SAMUEL PERKINS, of Wyndham, Connecticut. His mother was a daughter of Major NATHANIEL DONNELL, of Stevens's corps of artillery in the Revolutionary War.

On April 12, 1855, Brother PERKINS was married to Mary Hooker Packard, daughter of Frederick A. and Elizabeth D. Packard, of Philadelphia. From this union resulted three children who died in early infancy.

Brother PERKINS's wife died a few years ago, since which time he has been gradually failing in health, and died on July 14, 1903, in the seventy-fifth year of his age.

At the time of his death he was the oldest Past Grand Master and Past Grand High Priest in Pennsylvania. With the passing away of Right Worshipful Past Grand Master PERKINS, one of the strongest links which connected us with the past was broken.

Brother PERKINS was educated at the Academy of Thomas D. James, and was fitted for college by the Rev. Willard M. Rice. He entered Yale College in

September, 1844, and was graduated in 1848, being the thirty-third of his name to attain college honors in old Yale. He was corresponding secretary of the Yale Alumni of Pennsylvania at its organization in Philadelphia, and was elected as its president. In 1861 he received the degree of Master of Arts in Yale College and the degree of LL.D. in 1888. In 1852 the University of Pennsylvania conferred on him the degree of LL.B.

He studied law with his father, SAMUEL H. PERKINS, and was admitted to the bar in 1851, to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania in 1853, and to the Supreme Court of the United States in 1874.

Brother PERKINS had a large practice in the Orphans' Courts of this city, and was thoroughly posted in the construction of wills and the adjudication of estates. His statements of accounts, and of distributions, were marvels of clerical neatness and accuracy, being so correctly stated that they generally met the approval of the Judges without amendment or a dissenting voice.

SERVICE AS A SOLDIER.

In April, 1861, he enlisted in Company A, First Regiment of Artillery, Home Guard. In March, 1862, he was promoted to first sergeant, in which position he served until September of the same year, when he was made first lieutenant. His company, which was Captain Landis's Light Battery, was called out for the emergency in September, 1862, and on June 24, 1863,

it was again mustered into the United States service for an emergency.

SERVICE AS A CITIZEN.

In 1857 he was elected to Common Council from the Seventh Ward of the city of Philadelphia, and served one term.

He became a member of the Union League early in 1863 and served as a director from 1869 to 1876. He was re-elected in 1879 and 1880 and from 1885 to 1889. He was vice-president from 1880 to 1883 and from 1890 to 1894.

He was solicitor for the Commissioners of Fairmount Park from 1876 up to the time of his death.

He was a member of the Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Philadelphia, a corresponding member of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, and a contributor to various law, literary, and other magazines and publications.

He became a member of the Presbyterian Church when quite young. From May, 1856, until May, 1870, he was a trustee of the First Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia. He was an elder of that church from March 21, 1870, until his death. He was a member of the Presbyterian Publication Committee from September 20, 1858, until June 30, 1870. In May, 1870, he became a member of the Presbyterian Board of Publication, and in June was elected president of the Trustees of that body. In 1871 he was a delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and in

May, 1873, he was elected a manager of the American Sunday School Union.

PRESIDENT OF BUILDING COMMISSION.

He was honored by the Legislature of Pennsylvania by appointment as one of the Commissioners for the erection of the Public Buildings in Philadelphia, and was its president from 1872 to the time of its transfer to the city in 1901, during which time he served with signal ability, being conversant with all the details of the construction, and conducting the management of that immense and splendid structure, the City Hall, for the courts and public offices of Philadelphia.

A man of tremendous energy and dominating personality, he may be said to have been "the Commission." In controversies before the Legislature, with Councils, and in the courts, Brother PERKINS was always the spokesman and vigorous defender of the body of which he was the president; and time after time the Commission saved its official head or won notable victories largely under his direction.

MASONIC HISTORY.

As a youth, Brother PERKINS kept the accounts of his father, Past Grand Master Brother SAMUEL H. PERKINS, who was Chairman of the Trustees of the Girard Bequest, and the same book was used by the son, as his successor in the chairmanship of said Trustees, from 1874 to the time of the latter's decease.

He evidently remembered the occasion, when, in

1836, a number of distinguished citizens and noble Freemasons, including his respected father, were taken to Harrisburg, the seat of government of this Commonwealth, by the iniquitous proceedings of a corrupt Legislature and a facile governor, instigated by a person who was physically disqualified from having the degrees of Freemasonry conferred upon him and who sought vengeance upon the Fraternity by attempting to force our distinguished Brethren to reveal the secrets of the Craft.

Raised from youth to manhood with a full knowledge of these facts, it is no wonder that his inherited love for Masonry was undimmed by age and his desire for the advancement of the best interests of this Grand Lodge so great and his life so active.

SYMBOLIC MASONRY.

He was made a Mason in Columbia Lodge, No. 91, Free and Accepted Masons, in the old Washington Hall, Third Street above Spruce, at the age of twenty-two years, on April 23, 1851, his occupation, as stated in his petition, being a law student. He was Crafted May 26, and raised a Master Mason June 23, 1851. He was Junior Warden 1853, Senior Warden 1854, and Worshipful Master 1855. In 1874, on the death of his father, who was then Treasurer of Lodge No. 91, he became its Treasurer, serving until 1894.

IN THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

He was a Steward of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund in 1857, 1859, and 1860; a member of the

Committee on By-Laws in 1860, 1861, 1862, and its Chairman in 1864.

Chairman of Committee on Correspondence from 1864 to 1866.

Chairman of Building Committee from 1869 to 1873.

Grand Steward in 1858.

Senior Grand Deacon in 1861 and 1862.

Junior Grand Warden in 1867.

Senior Grand Warden in 1868 and 1869.

Deputy Grand Master in 1870 and 1871.

Right Worshipful Grand Master in 1872 and 1873.

During his Grand Mastership twenty-two new Lodges were constituted.

He was a Commissioner of the Sinking Fund from 1874 to 1899; a member of the Committee on Landmarks from 1870 to 1873, and from 1899 to 1903; the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada from 1870 to 1892; a Trustee of the Girard Bequest from 1875 to 1903, and the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana from 1873 to 1892.

During the year 1873, as Right Worshipful Grand Master, he had the honor of dedicating the New Masonic Temple which we now occupy. As Chairman of the Building Committee of the Temple, he personally drew all the contracts and agreements for the materials and work; as he also did for the erection of the Public Buildings, while Chairman of the Commissioners.

CAPITULAR MASONRY.

He received the honorary degree of a Mark Master Mason in Columbia Mark Lodge, No. 91, Philadelphia, on March 8, 1852, in the old Washington Hall, on Third Street. He served as Junior Warden, Senior Warden and Worshipful Master of the Mark Lodge. He was received and accepted a Most Excellent Master and exalted to the Supreme Degree of a Royal Arch Mason in Columbia Chapter, No. 91, in the Masonic Hall, Chestnut Street, on June 18, 1856; served as Scribe of the Chapter in 1858, King in 1859, and High Priest in 1860, and received the order of High Priesthood.

IN GRAND CHAPTER.

He was appointed Grand Captain of the First Vail in 1857; Grand Captain of the Host in 1861. Served on the Committee on By-Laws in 1861; Correspondence in 1868 and 1869; Appeals from 1876 to 1893.

From 1876 to 1903 he was the Representative of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana near the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

Grand Chapter honored him by electing him Grand Scribe in 1862 and 1863, Grand King in 1864 and 1865, and Most Excellent Grand High Priest in 1866 and 1867.

While Grand High Priest, Royal Arch Masonry revived in Pennsylvania, and it owes its present proud condition to his inauguration of the series of Grand Visitations and to his efforts to bring about the present

uniformity of work ; which have been continued by his successors in office as Grand High Priests.

CRYPTIC MASONRY.

In Cryptic Masonry he was received as a Royal and Select Master on February 3, 1862, in Philadelphia Council, No. 11, Royal and Select Masters, and received the Super Excellent Degree. He served as Principal Conductor of Work in 1864, Deputy Illustrious Grand Master in 1865, and Thrice Illustrious Grand Master in 1866.

As a lawyer, Brother PERKINS was able and eminent, learned and reliable, with a high reputation in city and State ; as a citizen, upright, public-spirited, and deservedly prominent in the city of his birth ; as a Freemason, he was well versed in historic lore, a strict adherent to the Ancient Landmarks, an accomplished ritualist, and a Free and Accepted Mason in every sense ; as a man, he was kindly, courteous, affable, and generous, being by birth, education, and study “a gentleman of the old school.” In all the relations of life, and in the discharge of each and every duty that devolved upon him, he was “faithful unto death.”

“ When I remember them, those friends of mine,
 Who are no longer here, the noble three,
 Who half my life were more than friends to me,
 And whose discourse was like a generous wine,
 I most of all remember, the divine
 Something, that shone in them, and made us see
 The Archetypal man, and what might be
 The amplitude of nature's first design.

In vain I stretch my hands to clasp their hands ;
 I cannot find them.
 Good-night, good-night, as we oft have said
 Beneath this roof at midnight, in the days
 That are no more, and shall no more return.
 Thou hast but taken thy lamp and gone to bed
 I stay a little longer, as one stays
 To cover up the embers that still burn."

Resolved, That in testimony of regard for the memory of Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother SAMUEL C. PERKINS, the Stations and Jewels of this Grand Lodge be draped in mourning for six months.

District Deputy Grand Master Brother WILLIAM B. MEREDITH addressed Grand Lodge as follows :

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER AND BRETH-
 REN :

It is both fitting and proper that some one of the District Deputy Grand Master should pay tribute to the memory of Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother SAMUEL C. PERKINS ; but it would have been more fitting had one more intimate with his life performed that duty, but I certainly would not have allowed the occasion to pass without giving expression in such a way as to show my admiration for and appreciation of so good a man, so useful and patriotic a citizen, so ardent and distinguished a Freemason, and so devoted and sincere a Christian.

I presume my acquaintance with Past Grand Master

PERKINS antedates that of a very large majority of the members of the Grand Lodge present at this meeting. I was Secretary of my Lodge in 1867. While in this city I called upon the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother JOHN THOMSON, a man loved and almost revered by the Masonic Fraternity in this Jurisdiction; there I met the then Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden. The acquaintance thus formed continued until his death, and it is a great pleasure to say that the estimate formed of the distinguished Brother at that time never changed.

As a citizen, he occupied an exalted position. Born in this city on November 14, 1828, receiving his primary education here, and graduating from Yale College in 1848, before reaching his twentieth year. Three years later, after having taken a course in the Legal Department of the University of Pennsylvania, he was admitted to the Philadelphia bar, and entered upon the practice of his chosen profession, in which he attained high rank and was among the ablest attorneys in the city. While never a political office-seeker, or an active politician, he held pronounced views upon all political questions, and enjoyed the confidence and respect of politicians of all parties to a degree that is seldom accorded to any individual.

He held positions of honor in his native city; the most important in city affairs was as a member and chairman of the Public Buildings Commission during its existence, and he was largely instrumental in giving

to this city the finest municipal building in the world. He did not, however, escape the calumny and abuse which always attends those occupying public positions; yet no one has ever been able during the many years' existence of the Commission, and the many millions of money it disbursed, to point to an act that was either dishonest or illegal. The opposition to the Commission culminated in the introduction in the Legislature in 1893 of a bill repealing the Act creating the Public Building Commission; its introduction caused considerable excitement from the fact that a portion of the press of the State, particularly that of Philadelphia, stated that the members of the Masonic Fraternity in the Legislature would combine to defeat the bill on account of SAMUEL C. PERKINS. The Commission visited the capital city and urged the defeat of the bill, Brother PERKINS declaring it false that there was any arrangement on the part of his Masonic friends to defeat the measure; that under no circumstances would he consent to degrade Freemasonry by bringing it down to the level of politics; that the measure must be considered solely on its merits. He felt keenly the passage of the bill, deeming it a reflection on his character for honesty and integrity.

As a Freemason he occupied a more than prominent position. From his first step he was an enthusiastic Mason, becoming deeply interested in the affairs of his Lodge, which continued until his death. He served this Grand Lodge as Grand Master during the years of 1872 and 1873, and as Grand High Priest of the Grand

Chapter for the years 1866 and 1867, an honor that has been accorded to but few, his distinguished father being among that number. His Masonic career has been so fully covered by Past Grand Master Brother CONRAD B. DAY that it is difficult to avoid repetition, hence I will enter into no details.

His energy, ability, knowledge of building and architecture placed him at the head of the Building Committee in the erection of the Masonic Temple, serving as such until its completion; thus two of the finest buildings for their particular purposes in this city, and I may say in the world, were erected under his immediate supervision, and are lasting monuments of which he was especially proud. The crowning event of his Masonic life was the dedication of the Masonic Temple on September 26, 1873. Few are present to-night who witnessed that memorable event, but those who did will never forget the magnificent Masonic spectacle, when the grandest and most beautiful Masonic Temple on earth was made the home of the Fraternity in this Jurisdiction.

His love and devotion to Freemasonry were deep-seated, as is evinced in every act of his Masonic life, even from the moment he first crossed the threshold down to the day of his death. Every address on any Masonic subject showed his confidence, reliance, and devotion to its principles and teachings. On December 27, 1873, in his address when retiring from the Station of Right Worshipful Grand Master, he uses language which every Brother should read, as follows :

“But I rejoice, my Brethren, that with eyes undimmed by a single mist, I can look outward and forward and onward down through the extending ages with a firm unwavering faith in the purposes, aims, and workings of our noble Craft and a deep-rooted, and may I not say hereditary, love for the Fraternity and its principles, which light up the present moment and shall continue to ever cheer and encourage me through coming years.”

His love and devotion to the principles and teachings of Freemasonry necessarily made him a devoted and sincere Christian. A member of the old First Presbyterian Church of this city, he was for many years an honored elder in that church and was prominent in Presbyterian Synod and the General Assembly of his church. It is doubtful if any layman ever rendered greater and more loyal service to his church. His learning and legal ability were such that his opinions were much sought after and were always at her disposal.

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother SAMUEL C. PERKINS has gone from us. His whole life, even from early manhood, was such that when he lay down to the final sleep no one could say that his Brethren were unmanly when they dropped the silent tear upon his grave. From his life many lessons are to be drawn, but one is sufficient,—namely, that uprightness in walk and conversation in every avenue of life contributes to our happiness here and in the other world to a crown that awaits those who are faithful unto death.

Brother LOUIS WAGNER addressed Grand Lodge as follows :

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER AND BRETH-
REN :

I feel especially embarrassed upon this mournful occasion, not because I am called upon to say something in memory of our deceased Brother SAMUEL C. PERKINS, but for the reason that I have not been able to make fitting preparation for such duty. It was only on Monday last that I returned from my vacation, and it has been impossible for me to arrange my thoughts in written form so as to be worthy of the character of our Brother whose loss we mourn, or to do justice to myself.

As I listened to the remarks by Past Grand Master DAY, one or two points impressed me most deeply, and I said to myself, here is something to which I may be able to address myself, but when Brother MEREDITH offered his tribute, he brought out so beautifully, effectively, and truthfully that of which I had been thinking that there was little thereafter to be said.

The Masonic record of Brother PERKINS is known to all of you. He was born and brought up a Mason—not one of the kind who from selfish, mercenary, or other improper motives are led into the Fraternity, none of which I trust are in the Grand Lodge to-night, but he was a Mason for the good he might do to the Fraternity, to the Brethren of the Craft, to humanity in general, and to the community at large. Judgment

of head, goodness of heart were marked features of his life.

The request which came to me from the Grand Master was to the effect that I should limit my remarks to Brother PERKINS's character as a member of the Christian Church. Not as a Christian merely, for such a line of discussion might raise a question of discrimination between different beliefs, which I shall not, and ought not to do, and which, in fact, our Fraternity does not in any way recognize or tolerate. In Freemasonry, all such discriminations are merged in our universal fellowship and love of man for his fellow-man, and whether an individual takes the Bible or the Koran as his divinely inspired book, we believe that if he exemplifies the teachings of such in his daily life, he is a better man, a better Mason, a better Christian, a better Jew, better in every way for earnestly following the religion that he accepts as his rule of living here, or for his salvation hereafter.

I, myself, happen to be a Presbyterian elder, as was also our deceased Brother PERKINS, and in that relation I knew him, and knew him well. He was always what a good, true, faithful man should be, true to his beliefs and courageous in the discharge of his duties, and to this attribute of his character I desire to place my humble word of eulogy to-night upon his tomb.

In his Christian life he was ever consistent, and I believe that through his faith and his life he was, as we all hope to be, led out of this valley of trial to a better home beyond.

Brother PERKINS, as I have said, was born and bred a Mason, and I say just as truly, or even more so, he was born and bred a Christian, faithful to his God, to his charge, and to the various obligations which came to him in his life. His record in the church and in the Sunday-school, where he was an active worker,—always earnest and industrious,—has left for us an example that it should be our daily desire conscientiously to follow, and Brother PERKINS will in days to come be brighter in memory even than in those of his own generation.

It was my privilege to be associated with him as a member of the Public Building Commission, I at that time being president of Common Council. I speak advisedly when I say that the duties of no public office were more honestly, patriotically, and loyally discharged than were his, and the time will come when men and papers shall give him the full credit he deserves and which in his life-time was denied him. He was president of that Commission from its beginning to its dissolution, and he will hereafter be looked up to—and justly so—as one of our most conspicuous fellow-citizens.

This Temple, also, in which to-night we are gathered, was built under his supervision when he was Grand Master, and is a monument to the same sincere fidelity and earnest purpose which characterized him in every relation of life.

Even so as he erected this great world temple, day by day, and hour by hour, he was erecting a Temple not

made by hands, eternal in the Heavens, for the glory of Him who created us and to whom we must all give an account on the last day.

Shakespeare says, "The evil that men do lives after them," but with greater force and deeper spiritual interest St. John, one of the patron saints of our Fraternity, said, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord : yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors ; and their works do follow them." So may it be with us when this earthly toil is ended,—that we also may rest from our labors, and the good work which we have done or striven to do may continue for the benefit of humanity.



On motion of Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother WILLIAM J. KELLY, it was

Resolved, That one thousand copies of the In Memoriam to the late Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother SAMUEL C. PERKINS be printed, and copies sent to each Subordinate Lodge in this Jurisdiction, and to each Grand Lodge with which this Grand Lodge is in fraternal correspondence.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master announced that Brother JOHN S. J. McCONNELL, D.D., for many years a Grand Chaplain of this Grand Lodge, died on the 31st day of August, 1903.

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother WILLIAM J. KELLY addressed Grand Lodge as follows :

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER :

The announcement that has been made of the death of the Rev. Dr. J. S. J. McCONNELL brings to my mind the very warm friendship that has existed between him and myself for at least fifteen years. As one of the Grand Chaplains of this Grand Lodge he was attentive to his duties, earnest in his work, and honest in his efforts to benefit mankind.

Dr. McCONNELL's countenance expressed very strongly my conception of a sanctified human being. His complexion was clear, his features clean cut, well marked with intelligence, shining with a benignant smile, which conveys the impression of great goodness.

His labors in the Lodge were continuous, intelligent, and appreciated as they deserve to be, and I am impressed that we have suffered a loss which will be manifest to us for a long time to come.

The following was, on motion, adopted :

WHEREAS, This Grand Lodge has learned with sorrow the loss it has sustained through the death of the Rev. JOHN S. J. McCONNELL, D.D., for many years one of its Grand Chaplains, who was always active in promoting the aims and purposes of the Fraternity.

It is therefore eminently proper that mention should be made of our high esteem for his character and services. Indeed, in all the relations of life, public and private, it may be truly said of him that he aimed to make his life a blessing to others and an example worthy of our imitation.

GEORGE W. MACLAUGHLIN, D.D.

CHARLES H. BOND.

FRANK B. LYNCH, D.D.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock 20 minutes P.M.

William A. Sinn
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

Held at Philadelphia, December 2, A.D. 1903, A.L. 5903.

PRESENT:

Bro. EDGAR A. TENNIS . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Master.</i>
" JAMES W. BROWN . . .	<i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i>
" GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR. . .	<i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i>
" GEORGE B. ORLADY . . .	<i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden.</i>
" THOMAS R. PATTON . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i>
" WILLIAM A. SINN . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i>
" JOHN A. PERRY . . .	<i>Deputy Grand Secretary.</i>
" SAMUEL B. DICK . . .	} <i>R. W. Past Grand Masters.</i>
" CONRAD B. DAY . . .	
" MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON . . .	
" WILLIAM J. KELLY . . .	
" GEORGE E. WAGNER . . .	
" JOHN W. LANSINGER . . .	} <i>D. D. Grand Masters.</i>
" WILLIAM L. GORGAS . . .	
" SAMUEL M. GOODYEAR . . .	
" GEORGE H. SHIRK . . .	
" DAVID H. WEAVER . . .	
" THADDEUS S. ADLE . . .	
" JOSEPH W. DAY . . .	
" CHARLES S. VANDEGRIFT . . .	
" WILLIAM J. TRANSUE . . .	
" JOHN J. HITTLE . . .	
" MATTHEW M. MACMILLAN . . .	
" WILLIAM D. WHITE . . .	
" THOMAS F. WELLS . . .	

Bro. WILLIAM H. HULSIZER . . .	
" WILLIAM J. DAY . . .	
" JAMES W. PIATT . . .	
" WENTWORTH D. VEDDER . . .	
" JAMES A. PUGH . . .	
" EZRA C. DOTY . . .	
" BOYD G. STEEL . . .	
" WILSON I. FLEMING . . .	
" SOLOMON R. DRESSER . . .	
" WILLIAM F. CULLIS . . .	
" DAVID A. SAWDEY . . .	
" ADRIAN W. MCCOY . . .	
" WILLIAM B. MEREDITH . . .	
" WILLIAM M. HAMILTON . . .	
" JAMES W. MCDOWELL . . .	} <i>D. D. Grand Masters.</i>
" JOHN S. SELL . . .	
" JOHN D. CARR . . .	
" GEORGE H. QUAILL . . .	
" GEORGE A. BROWN . . .	
" ALEXANDER ELLIOTT . . .	
" JOHN W. FARNSWORTH . . .	
" JOHN D. GOFF . . .	
" FRANK C. O'ROURKE . . .	
" SAMUEL HAMILTON . . .	
" WILLIAM S. DAUGHERTY . . .	
" WILLIAM H. MAXWELL . . .	
" JOHN J. JONES . . .	
" RICHARD E. COCHRAN . . .	
" JAMES W. ROBINS, D.D. . . .	
" J. GRAY BOLTON, D.D. . . .	
" GRAFTON T. REYNOLDS, D.D. . . .	
" WILLIAM B. CHALFANT, D.D. . . .	} <i>Grand Chaplains.</i>
" CHARLES H. BOND . . .	
" GEORGE W. MACLAUGHLIN, D.D. . . .	
" FRANK B. LYNCH, D.D. . . .	
" CHARLES M. SWAIN . . .	<i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
" JOHN L. KINSEY . . .	<i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i>

Bro. GEORGE A. HOWE . . .	}	<i>Grand Stewards.</i>
" MCCLUNEY RADCLIFFE . .		
" GEORGE B. WELLS . . .		<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
" ROBERT J. LINDEN . . .		<i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
" J. HENRY WILLIAMS . .		<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
" HOWARD MARCH . . .		<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

Three hundred and seventy-two Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 10 o'clock A.M.

The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary read that part of the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of September last, relative to Masonic Homes, when District Deputy Grand Master Brother WILLIAM B. MEREDITH offered the following, which was, on motion, unanimously adopted :

MASONIC HOMES.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge hereby approves of and recommends the establishment of a Masonic Home or Homes, under the jurisdiction and management of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, for the support and maintenance of Master Masons, their wives, widows, and their orphan children.

Resolved, That the present Right Worshipful Grand Master, the present Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, the present Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, the present Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, the Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden to be elected at the Quarterly Communication to be held December 2, 1903, the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, the Chairman of the Trustees of the Title to the Masonic Temple and other Real Estate of Grand Lodge, five members of Grand Lodge to be appointed by the present Right Worshipful Grand Master, and five members to be named by the managers of the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania, located in Philadelphia, be and are hereby constituted a committee which

shall make a report of a plan of procedure to secure the title to property, to prescribe the requisite qualifications for admission to said Home or Homes, and provide for the immediate organization, maintenance, control, and management thereof to effect the purpose of these resolutions, which report shall be submitted at the Quarterly Communication to be held in March next.

This being the time prescribed by the Ahiman Rezon for the election of Grand Officers to serve during the ensuing Masonic year beginning on St. John the Evangelist's Day next, the Right Worshipful Grand Master was pleased to appoint tellers, who having reported, he declared the following Brethren duly elected :

R. W. Grand Master.

Brother JAMES W. BROWN.

Brother EDGAR A. TENNIS having declined a re-election.

R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

Brother GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR.

R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

Brother GEORGE B. ORLADY.

R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

Brother CHARLES M. SWAIN.

R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Brother THOMAS R. PATTON.

R. W. Grand Secretary.

Brother WILLIAM A. SINN.

Copies of proposed By-Laws and proposed Amendments to By-Laws were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The following invitation was read from Lodge No. 134, which was, on motion, accepted :

FRANKLIN LODGE, No. 134. F. AND A. M.,
PHILADELPHIA, November 25, 1903.

*The Right Worshipful Grand Master, Edgar A. Tennis,
Officers, and Members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :*

WORSHIPFUL AND DEAR SIRs,—Franklin Lodge, No. 134, F. and A. M., having accepted an invitation from the rector of Christ Church, Rev. C. ELLIS STEVENS, D.D., LL.D., to attend divine service there on the morning of St. John's Day, December 27, prox., at 11 A.M., the Worshipful Master of Franklin Lodge extends a most cordial and fraternal invitation to yourself and to the Officers and members of the Grand Lodge to be present with us on that most interesting and unusual occasion.

The rector and vestry have assured us that we shall be made very welcome and every effort exerted to have all who attend comfortably seated in that old and venerated edifice.

It will be just one hundred and twenty-five years (A.D. 1778) since GEORGE WASHINGTON attended morning service at Christ Church on St. John's Day, three hundred members of the Fraternity of F. and A. M. assembling on that occasion, so history records.

Very truly and fraternally yours,

DUDLEY T. LIMERICK,
Worshipful Master of Lodge 134.

A communication was read from Lodge, No. —, requesting Grand Lodge to remove the expulsion of

A. L. W., who was expelled from said Lodge for un-masonic conduct, when, on motion, it was referred back to the Lodge for further information.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GRAND LODGE CHARITY FUND.

The Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund made the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed :

PHILADELPHIA, November 20, 1903.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons :

The Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund respectfully submit this their report for the fiscal year ended November 15, 1903, A.L. 5903.

DR.

1902.

Nov. 15.	To balance as per last report	\$1725.30
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1903.

Jan. 7.	Received from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna. .	1200.00
Jan. 10.	Received from the R. W. Grand Treasurer for proportion of interest received from Trust Co. on deposits	23.52
April 6.	Received from Peter Boyd, attorney, for six months' interest on ground rent, No. 530 Mountain Street .	30.00
April 13.	Received six months' interest on \$73,000 Masonic Temple Loan, due March 1, 1903	1460.00

April	13.	Received six months' interest, due Jan. 1, 1903, on \$1400 City of Phila., six per cent. Loan	42.00
April	21.	Received six months' interest, due Jan. 1, 1903, on Le- high Valley Coal Bond .	25.00
April	21.	Received for coupon, due Feb. 1, 1903, on \$500 U. S. War Loan	3.75
April	30.	Received from Peter Boyd, attorney, for collections for interest on ground rents and mortgages	491.58
May	1.	Received from City of Phila. for \$1400 City of Phila. six per cent. Loan, due Jan. 1, 1903	1400.00
May	1.	Received for coupons, due May 1, 1903, on \$8000 Lehigh Valley R. R. Co. Mortgage and Collateral Trust Bonds	200.00
May	1.	Received for coupon, due May 1, 1903, on \$500 U. S. War Loan	3.75
July	23.	Received for three coupons, due July 1, 1903, on \$3000 Lehigh Valley Coal Co. Bonds	75.00
Aug.	1.	Received for coupon, due Aug. 1, 1903, on \$500 U. S. War Loan	3.75
Sept.	30.	Received six months' inter- est, due Sept. 1, 1903, on \$73,000 Masonic Temple four per cent. Loan	1460.00

Nov.	1.	Received for six months' interest, due Oct. on Phila. Electric Co. 5's . . .	7.50	
Nov.	2.	Received from Peter Boyd, attorney, for collections for interest on ground rents and mortgages to Nov. 1, 1903	384.42	
Nov.	13.	Received for coupons, due Nov. 1, 1903, on \$8000 Lehigh Valley R. R. Co. Mortgage and Collateral Trust Bonds	200.00	
Nov.	13.	Received for coupon, due Nov. 1, 1903, on \$500 U. S. War Loan	3.75	
Nov.	13.	Interest received to date on deposits with Fidelity Trust Co.	46.39	
			<hr/>	7060.41
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				\$8785.71

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1903.

Jan.	6.	Paid order No. 85 in favor of Class No. 1, of Almoners	\$1600.00
Jan.	6.	Paid Fidelity Trust Co. for one year's rent of boxes	15.00
Jan.	6.	Paid order No. 86 in favor of Class No. 2 of Almoners	800.00
April	20.	Paid for two Lehigh Valley Coal Co. Bonds	2197.50
April	11.	Paid for \$300 Phila. Electric 5's	300.75

July	7.	Paid order No. 87 in favor of Class No. 3, of Al- moners	800.00	
Oct.	6.	Paid order No. 88 in favor of Class No. 4, of Al- moners	1600.00	
Oct.	6.	Paid for one Lehigh Valley Coal Co. Bond	1086.25	
			<hr/>	8399.50
		Leaving		<hr/> \$386.21
as balance on hand at end of year.				

ACCOUNT THOMAS SINGLETON BEQUEST.

DR.

1902.

Nov. 15. Balance as per last report . \$53.50

1903

Jan. 26. Received for principal of
ground rent of No. 530
Mountain Street . . . 400.00April 6. Received for principal of
ground rent of No. 803
McClelland Street . . . 1000.00April 29. Received for principal of per-
petual ground rent of
\$29.25 on No. 744 South
Fourth Street . . . 487.50April 29. Received as bonus for privi-
lege of paying ground rent,
No. 744 South Fourth
Street . . . 187.50July 24. Received balance due on
mortgage on premises, Hay
Lane, West Phila. . . 500.00July 24. Received for expenses of sat-
isfying above50

Aug.	7.	Received for ground rent of \$75.38 per annum on prem- ises, No. 1427 South Sec- ond Street, Phila. . . .	1256.34	
				\$3885.34

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July	15.	Paid for two Lehigh Valley Coal Co. Bonds . . .	2165.00	
Oct.	12.	Paid for one Lehigh Valley Coal Co. Bond . . .	1086.25	
				3251.25
		Leaving . . .		\$634.09

on deposit on account of the Thomas Singleton Bequest, which added to the deposit on general account makes a total balance of \$1020.30 on deposit with the Fidelity Trust Company.

All of our securities are deposited in fire-proof vaults of the Fidelity Trust Company of Philadelphia, and are as follows :

BELONGING TO GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Par.	Name of Security.	Interest Due.	Cost.
\$73,000.00	Masonic Temple four per cent. Loan	March 1, Sept. 1.	\$73,000.00
500.00	United States of America three per cent. War Loan . . .	Feb., quarterly.	500.00
4,000.00	Lehigh Valley Coal Co. five per cent. First Mortgage Bonds	Jan. 1, July 1.	4,313.75
1,000.00	Lehigh Valley R. R. Co. Mort- gage and Collateral Trust Bond	May 1, Nov. 1.	1,097.50
300.00	Phila. Electric Co. 5s . . .	April 1, Oct. 1.	300.75
386.21	Cash balance in bank . . .		386.21
\$79,186.21			\$79,598.21

BELONGING TO THOMAS SINGLETON BEQUEST.

\$7,000.00	Lehigh Valley R. R. Co. Mort- gage and Collateral Trust Co. Bonds, May 1, Nov. 1.	\$7,682.50
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3,000.00	Lehigh Valley Coal Co. five per cent. First Mortgage Bonds, Jan. 1, July 1 .	3,251.25	
7,116.66	Sundry ground rents in Philadelphia as follows :		
	1204 Moore St.,		
	May 1, Nov. 1 . \$48	\$800.00	
	938 Pierce St.,		
	April 1, Oct. 1 . 42	700.00	
	1110 S. 27th St.,		
	Feb. 1, Aug. 1 . 36	600.00	
	1028 Watkins St.,		
	April 1, Oct. 1 . 42	700.00	
	1933 Ann St.,		
	April 1, Oct. 1 . 40	666.66	
	1011 Watkins St.,		
	March 1, Sept. 1 . 42	700.00	
	1013 Watkins St.,		
	March 1, Sept. 1 . 42	700.00	
	1801 S. Camac St.,		
	Jan. 1, July 1 . 39	650.00	
	1212 Moore St.,		
	Jan. 1, July 1 . 48	800.00	
	1819 S. Camac St.,		
	Jan. 1, July 1 . 48	800.00	
17,116.66		\$427	7,116.66
			18,050.41
	Sundry mortgages in Phila., as follows :		
	\$750.00 1706 S. Front St. . . .	\$750.00	
	466.67 915 Dudley St. . . .	466.67	
	4,500.00 2332 Broad St. . . .	4,500.00	
	2,000.00 3460-3462 Water St. . .	2,000.00	
7,716.67			7,716.67
634.09	Cash balance in bank		634.09
<u>\$104,653.63</u>	Totals		<u>\$105,999.38</u>

It will be observed that during the past year we have appropriated for distribution through the Almoners the sum of \$4800, as against \$3750, during the previous year. We were enabled to pay this larger sum through the additional income received from the Thomas Singleton Bequest.

The accounts of the Trustees and the securities in their charge

have been examined by the Finance Committee and have been found correct.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

JOHN S. STEVENS,
STOCKTON BATES,
JOHN R. FANSHAWE,
JESSE J. BARKER,
SELIGMAN NETTER,

Trustees of Grand Lodge Charity Fund.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GIRARD BEQUEST.

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest made the following report, when, on motion, the resolution attached thereto was adopted :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest respectfully report that they have received during the fiscal year ending November 15, 1903 :

From Interest and Dividend of Investments	\$2645.30
“ “ on Deposits of Trustees	. 4.59
“ “ “ “ Stewards	. 23.53
“ sale of Allotment two-tenths share Lehigh Coal and Navigation Com- pany (\$5.25 less Brokerage 25 cents)	5.00
“ sale of Penna. R. R. Co. rights one- third share (83 cents less commis- sion 25 cents)	. . . . .58
	<hr/> \$2679.00
To which add balance November 15, 1902, per Report of the Finance Committee	. . . . . 296.68
	<hr/> \$2975.68

They have paid during the same period :

Orders for the use of the Stephen Girard

Charity Fund \$2500.00

For 2 shares Pennsylvania R. R. at \$60 120.00

“ 2 “ Lehigh Coal and Naviga-
tion Co. at \$50 . . . 100.00

“ rent of safe in Fidelity Company . . . 5.00

————— 2725.00

Leaving a balance November 15, 1903, of \$250.68

on deposit in the Pennsylvania Company for Insurance on Lives and Granting Annuities.

Their accounts and the securities of the Trust have been examined by the Finance Committee and found correct.

The total amount of the fund, at the par value of the securities, is \$64,400 per schedule annexed.

The annual income of the Fund, exclusive of interest on deposits, is about \$2700.

The Trustees recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars be, and the same is, appropriated to the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund for the year ending December, 1904, to be drawn for in the usual manner.

The Trustees desire to express their appreciation of the long, faithful, and valuable services rendered to the Trust by the late SAMUEL C. PERKINS, Past Grand Master. He served as Trustee for nearly thirty years, being the successor of his father, SAMUEL H. PERKINS, Past Grand Master, who also served for many years and until the date of his death. Both of these distinguished Brethren earned and deserved the gratitude of the Fraternity.

GEORGE E. WAGNER,
JOHN L. THOMSON,
ALEXANDER H. MORGAN,
CHARLES K. FRANCIS,
GEORGE McCURDY,

PHILADELPHIA, December 2, 1903.

Trustees.

SCHEDULE OF SECURITIES.

	Interest Due.	Par.
Masonic Temple Redemption Loan 4 per cent. (10 Certifi- cates, Nos. 36 to 47, \$5000 each, and 2 Certificates, Nos. 186, 187, \$1000 each) .	arch 1, Sept. 1.	\$52,000.00
Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company Gold Loan 4 per cent.	June 15, Dec. 15.	8,000.00
Continental Pass. Railway Company Stock, 6 per cent.	Jan. 1, July 1.	1,000.00
Philadelphia and Reading Ter- minal 5 per cent. Bond .	Feb. 1, May 1, Aug. 1, Nov. 1.	1,000.00
Lehigh Coal and Navigation Co.	May 27, Nov. 27.	1,250.00
Pennsylvania Railroad Co. .	May 30, Nov. 30.	450.00
Electric and Peoples Traction Stock Trust Certificates .	April 1, Oct. 1.	700.00
		<hr/> \$64,400.00

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE THOMAS R. PATTON MEMORIAL CHARITY FUND.

The Trustees of the Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund made the following report, when, on motion, the resolution attached thereto was adopted:

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free
and Accepted Masons :*

The Trustees of the Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund (which was founded by Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer Brother THOMAS R. PATTON, in memory of his beloved wife, ELLEN H. GRAHAM PATTON) respectfully report for the fiscal year ending with the 15th day of November, A.D. 1903, A.L. 5903.

INCOME ACCOUNT.—RECEIPTS.

1902.

Nov. 15.	To Balance as per report	\$468.08
Dec. 1.	To 6 mos. interest \$10,000 Schuylkill River East Side 5's	250.00
Dec. 1.	To 3 mos. interest \$500 Citizens' Pass. Railway, Muncie, 6's	7.50

1903.

Jan. 1.	To 6 mos. interest \$10,000 Lehigh Valley Railway 4½'s	225.00
Jan. 1.	To 4 mos. interest \$2000 Wyoming Val- ley Coal 6's	40.00
Jan. 1.	To 6 mos. interest \$2000 Baltimore & Ohio Prior Lien 3½'s	35.00
Jan. 6.	To Thos. R. Patton, Treasurer, Bursar's balance over from 1902	20.45
Jan. 14.	To 6 mos. interest \$4500 Bond and Mortgage, Wayne, Penn., 5 per cent. .	112.50
Feb. 1.	To 4 mos. interest \$10,000 N. Y. Gas & Electric L. H. & Power Co. 4's	166.67
Feb. 28.	To 6 mos. interest Bond and Mortgage \$1000 @ 5 per cent., 243, 245 Monroe Street	25.00
Mar. 1.	To 6 mos. interest \$1000 Paterson & Passaic Gas & Electric 5's	25.00
Mar. 16.	To 6 mos. interest \$5500 Bond & Mtge. 1714 Columbia Ave., 4 $\frac{9}{10}$ per cent. . .	134.75
April 1.	To 6 mos. interest \$10,000 Electric & People's Traction 4's	200.00
April 1.	To 6 mos. interest \$5000 Phila. & Erie R. R. Gen. Mtge. 4's	100.00
April 1.	To 6 mos. interest \$7000 Phila. Electric Gold Trust 5's	175.00
April 1.	To 6 mos. interest 10,000 Pittsburgh & Western R. Co. Receivers' Car Trust 5's	250.00
April 1.	To 6 mos. interest 1000 Phila. & Read- ing R. R. 5's	25.00

April	1.	To 6 mos. interest \$10,000 Baltimore & Ohio R. R. 1st Mtge 4's	200.00
May	1.	To 6 mos. interest \$5000 Atlantic City R. R. 5's	125.00
May	1.	To 6 mos. interest \$5000 Citizens' Street R. R., Indianapolis, 5's	125.00
May	8.	To 6 mos. interest on deposit account	18.03
June	1.	To 6 mos. interest \$10,000 Schuylkill River East Side 5's	250.00
June	1.	To 6 mos. interest \$500 Citizens' Street Railway, Muncie, 6's	15.00
July	1.	To 6 mos. interest \$10,000 Lehigh Valley Railway 4½'s	225.00
July	1.	To 6 mos. interest \$2000 Wyoming Valley Coal 6's	60.00
July	1.	To 6 mos. interest \$2000 Baltimore & Ohio Prior Lien 3½'s	35.00
July	15.	To 6 mos. interest \$4500 Bond and Mortgage, Wayne, Penna., 5 per cent.	112.50
Aug.	1.	To 6 mos. interest \$10,000 New York Gas & Electric L. H. & P. Co. 4's	200.00
Aug.	29.	To 6 mos. interest \$1000 Bond and Mortgage, 243, 245 Monroe Street, 5 per cent.	25.00
Sept.	1.	To 6 mos. interest \$1000 Paterson & Passaic G. & E. Co. 5's	25.00
Sept.	17.	To 6 mos. interest \$5500 Bond and Mortgage, 1714 Columbia Avenue, 4⅞	134.75
Oct.	1.	To 6 mos. interest \$10,000 Pittsburgh & Western R. Receivers' Car Trust 5's	250.00
Oct.	1.	To 6 mos. interest \$1000 Phila. & Reading R. R. 5's	25.00
Oct.	1.	To 6 mos. interest \$10,000 Baltimore & Ohio R. R. 1st Mtge 4's	200.00
Oct.	1.	To 6 mos. interest \$5000 Phila. & Erie R. R. Gen. Mtge 4's	100.00
Oct.	1.	To 6 mos. interest \$7000 Phila. Electric Gold 5's	175.00

Oct.	1.	To 6 mos. interest \$10,000 Electric & People's Traction 4's	200.00
Nov.	1.	To 6 mos. interest \$5000 Citizens' Street Railway, Indianapolis, 5's	125.00
Nov.	1.	To 6 mos. interest \$5000 Atlantic City R. R. 5's	125.00
Nov.	14.	To interest on deposit account Phila. Trust Co.	14.93
			<u>\$5025.16</u>

PAYMENTS.

1903.

Jan.	7.	By amount of appropriation paid Thomas R. Patton, Treasurer of Bursars	\$750.00
April	7.	By amount of appropriation paid Thomas R. Patton, Treasurer of Bursars	750.00
July	1.	By amount of appropriation paid Thomas R. Patton, Treasurer of Bursars	750.00
Sept.	1.	By amount transferred to principal account by order of Trustees	1500.00
Sept.	23.	By amount paid Philadelphia Trust, Safe Deposit and Insurance Company, one year's rent of safe	15.00
Oct.	1.	By amount of appropriation paid Thomas R. Patton, Treasurer of Bursars	750.00
Oct.	15.	By balance on Deposit with the Philadelphia Trust, Safe Deposit and Insurance Company	510.16
			<u>\$5025.16</u>

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. KELLY,
 PETER BOYD,
 JAMES M. LAMBERTON,
 EDMUND D. SCHOLEY,
 THOMAS R. PATTON, JR.,
Trustees.

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT.

The securities of the Fund at the close of the fiscal year, November 15, 1902, consisted of securities and mortgages of the par value of \$99,500, which cost

Uninvested cash balance	\$101,322.08
	607.50
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	\$101,929.58
Amount transferred from Income Account	1,500.00
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	\$103,429.58
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The Securities are as follows :

Par.	Interest Payable.	Cost.
\$10,000 Lehigh Valley Ry.		
4½'s	Jan. and July 1.	\$10,636.25
1,000 Paterson & Passaic		
G. & E. L. 5's	Mar. and Sept. 1.	1,025.83
5,000 Phila. & Erie R. R.		
4's	Apr. and Oct. 1.	5,037.50
1,000 Phila. & Reading Ex.		
5's	Apr. and Oct. 1.	1,025.00
5,000 Atlantic City Ry. 5's	May and Nov. 1.	5,387.50
5,000 Citizen's St. R. R., In-		
dianapolis, 5's	May and Nov. 1.	5,212.50
10,000 Schuylkill River E.		
S. 5's	June and Dec. 1.	10,637.50
7,000 Phila. & Electric Gold		
Trust 5's	Apr. and Oct. 1.	6,967.50
5,500 Bond and Mortgage,		
1714 Columbia		
Ave., 4 $\frac{9}{10}$ per cent.	Mar. and Sept. 17.	5,500.00
4,500 Bond and Mortgage,		
Wayne, Delaware		
County, 5 per cent.	Jan. and July 15.	4,500.00
1,000 Bond and Mortgage,		
243, 245 Monroe		
Street, 5 per cent.	Feb. and Aug. 28.	1,000.00

10,000 Electric & People's Pass. Ry. 4's .	Apr. and Oct. 1.	10,000.00
10,000 Pittsburgh & West- ern Receivers' Car Trust 5's . . .	Apr. and Oct. 1.	10,000.00
10,000 N. Y. Gas, Elec. L. H. & P. Co. 4's .	Feb. and Aug. 1.	10,000.00
10,000 Baltimore & Ohio R. R. 1st Mtge. 4's .	Apr. and Oct. 1.	10,000.00
2,000 Wyoming Valley Coal Co. 6's	Jan. and July 1.	2,000.00
500 Citizens' St. Ry., Muncie, 6's	June and Dec. 1.	500.00
4,000 Baltimore & Ohio R. R. Prior Lien 3½'s	Jan. and July 1.	3,735.00
<hr/> \$101,500		<hr/> \$103,164.58
Cash (uninvested) on deposit with the Philadelphia Trust, Safe Deposit and Insurance Company		265.00
		<hr/> \$103,429.58

The Trustees recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of three thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Bursars of the Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund for the year ending St. John's Day, 1904, to be drawn for in the usual manner.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. KELLY,
PETER BOYD,
JAMES M. LAMBERTON,
EDMUND D. SCHOLEY,
THOMAS R. PATTON, JR.,
Trustees.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE STEPHEN TAYLOR BEQUEST.

The Trustees of the Stephen Taylor Bequest made the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed :

PHILADELPHIA, December 2, 1903.

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free
and Accepted Masons :*

The Trustees of the Stephen Taylor Bequest submit the following report of their receipts and disbursements for the year ending November 14, 1903.

RECEIPTS.

To balance on hand at last report	\$389.98	
To interest on investments	646.85	
To interest on deposits in West Philadelphia Title and Trust Company	69.65	
To cash received payment of Bond and Mortgage on premises 452 North 52d St., Philadelphia	\$2,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,106.48

DISBURSEMENTS.

Cash paid for Bond and Mortgage on premises No. 5212 Fitzwater St., Philadelphia	\$2,200.00	
Balance on deposit with West Philadelphia Title and Trust Company	906.48	
	<hr/>	\$3,106.48

SECURITIES.

Bonds and Mortgages as follows :

Par Value.	Cost.
\$4000.00 on premises 513 S. 45th St.	\$4054.45
3500.00 on premises 1101 N. 42d St.	3535.00
2500.00 on premises 628 S. 52d St.	2500.00
2200.00 on premises 5212 Fitzwater St.	2200.00
	————— \$12,289.45

Fraternally submitted,
 HENRY Z. ZIEGLER,
 SAMUEL W. WRAY,
 GEORGE W. HALL,
 THEODORE E. WIEDERSHEIM,
 HENRY W. SMITH,

Trustees.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, and the resolutions attached thereto were adopted :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons :

The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the accounts and securities of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, showing a balance on hand of the Thomas Singleton Bequest of \$634.09, and of the Current Account of \$386.21 ; Trustees of the Girard Bequest, showing a balance on hand of \$250.68 ; Trustees of the Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund, showing a balance on hand of the Income Account of \$510.16, and of the Principal Account of \$265.00 ; Trustees of the Stephen Taylor Bequest, showing a balance on hand of \$906.48 ; the accounts and vouchers of the Committee on Library, which show a balance on hand of \$396.91 ; the accounts and vouchers of the Committee on Temple, which show a balance on hand of the Current Expense Account of \$779.14, and of the Alteration Account of \$4193.72. The transactions

of these Trusts and Committees will be fully set forth in their respective reports to the Grand Lodge.

The Committee have also examined the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer, Brother THOMAS R. PATTON, and of the Grand Secretary, Brother WILLIAM A. SINN, including the Ledger of the latter, which has been compared with the Balance Sheet submitted by him, and found to agree.

The books of the Grand Secretary, for the fiscal year ending November 15, 1903, show as follows :

RECEIPTS.

Masonic Rents	\$37,309.00
Ten per cents.	8,899.50
Initiations	8,982.00
Dues	61,071.56
Dispensations, D. D. Grand Masters	\$16,030.00
Dispensations, Grand Secretary	6,930.00
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	22,960.00
Warrants for new Lodges	1,200.00
Expenses of D. D. Grand Masters returned	10.00
Committee on Temple, sale of old material	194.54
Estate of William McClary, deceased	50,750.00
Insurance rebate	63.32
Ahiman Rezons	306 00
Grand Lodge Certificates	192.00
Interest on Deposits :	
Grand Treasurer	\$962.64
Grand Secretary	14.70
Committee on Temple :	
Current Account	47.51
Alteration Account	70.16
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	1,095.01
Total Receipts	<hr/>
	\$193,032.93
All of which has been paid to the Grand Treasurer, and his receipt taken therefor.	
To which add cash on hand November 15, 1902.	10,268.29
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Making a total of	\$203,301.22

PAYMENTS.

By Grand Treasurer on orders of Grand Master :

Interest on Four per cent. Masonic Loan	\$7,924.00
Expenses of Grand Master, including Instructor	3,700.00
Expenses of District Deputy Grand Masters	3,077.26
Expenses of Grand Lodge, including Printing and Publishing and the George Washington Memo- rial Volume	11,180.99
Expenses of George Washington Anniversary Com- mittee	1,095.71

Salaries :

Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Tyler, Clerk to Grand Master, Clerks to Grand Sec- retary, and Clerk to Committee on Finance	12,833.29
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Committee on Temple :

Current Account	\$25,642.44
Alteration Account	66,000.00
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	91,642.44
Committee on Library	4,112.50
Committee on Correspondence	500.00
Printing Warrants for new Lodges	32.40
Masonic Home	1,000.00
Almoners of Grand Lodge Charity Fund	1,200.00
Transient Relief	50.00
Printing Grand Lodge Certificates	71.00
Printing Ahiman Rezens	165.25

Total Payments	\$138,584.84
Leaving a Cash balance on hand November 15, 1903	64,716.38

Making a total of \$203,301.22

This balance includes the McClary Bequests of
\$50,750, and Interest from May 21, 1903, to
November 15, 1903, of \$501.86, or total McClary
Bequests of \$51,251.86, which deducted from
balance on hand

\$64,716.38
51,251.86

Leaves an actual cash balance for current expenses
of Grand Lodge of

\$13,464.52

The accounts of the Grand Secretary, for the payment of Interest, show a balance due and uncalled for November 15, 1903 :

On the Six per cent. Loan	\$9.00
On the Five per cent. Loan	12.50
Total	<u>\$21.50</u>

The Committee have examined the Loan Ledger, the Transfer Book, and the Interest Account, and found them correct.

FOUR PER CENT. MASONIC LOAN.

The Four per cent. Masonic Loan remains the same as per report of December 4, 1901,—\$198,100.

We present the following estimate of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ending November 15, 1904.

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

Masonic Rents	\$35,000.00
Ten per cents.	6,500.00
Initiations	6,500.00
Dues	60,000.00
Dispensations	12,000.00
Estimated Total Receipts	<u>\$120,000.00</u>

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES.

Interest on Four per cent. Masonic Loan	\$7,924.00
Expenses of Grand Master, including \$700 for an Instructor in Masonic Work	3,700.00
Expenses of D. D. Grand Masters	3,300.00
Expenses of Grand Lodge, including Printing and Publishing	6,000.00

Salaries as follows :

Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Clerks to Grand Secretary, Clerk to Committee on Fi- nance, Clerk to Grand Master, Grand Tyler, and contingencies, subject to order of Com- mittee on Finance	13,300.00
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Committee on Library :

Salary of Librarian	\$1,800.00
Salary of Assistant	450.00
Reprint of Proceedings of Grand Lodge	1,000.00
Periodicals	100.00
Binding	150.00
New Books	500.00
Antiquities	500.00
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	4,500.00
Committee on Correspondence	500.00

Committee on Temple, Current Expense Account :

Salaries as follows :

Supervisor	\$1,800.00
Superintendent	1,040.00
Engineer	960.44
Carpenter	832.00
Night Superintendent	780.00
Elevator Attendant	676.00
Two Firemen, each \$650	1,300.00
Five Laborers, each \$546	2,730.00
One Cleaner	468.00
Four Cleaners, each \$312	1,248.00
One Hat-rack Man	546.00
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	12,380.44

Current Expenses as follows :

Electric Light	\$8,000.00
Gas	50.00
Ice	275.00
Supplies	600.00
Repairs	1,000.00

Cleaning windows, washing towels, etc.	477.00	
Telephone	250.00	
Water Rent	320.00	
Coal	3,000.00	
Elevator Insurance	70.00	
Boiler Insurance	43.50	
Plate Glass Insurance	40.00	
	<hr/>	14,125.50
Masonic Home		1,000.00
Transient Relief		100.00
Trustees of Grand Lodge Charity Fund, for use of Almoners, in addition to appropriation made by Trustees		1,200.00
Trustees of Girard Bequest, for use of Stewards of Stephen Girard Charity Fund, in addition to appropriation made by Trustees		1,200.00
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Total Estimated Expenditures		\$69,229.94
Leaving an Estimated Balance for other expenses of Grand Lodge, and on account of the balance \$54,000 of appropriation due the Committee on Temple, of		\$50,770.06
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Making a total of		\$120,000.00

The Committee on Finance submit the following for the consideration of Grand Lodge :

WHEREAS, there was paid to Grand Lodge on May 21, 1903, the sum of Twenty thousand dollars principal, and Three hundred dollars income in full of the legacy given by the will of WILLIAM McCLARY, deceased, in the following words :

“I give and bequeath to the Grand Lodge of Free Masons of Pennsylvania in memory of my deceased son CHARLES JACKSON McCLARY the sum of Twenty thousand dollars in perpetual trust, the interest and income only to be used for the support of the Masonic Home for Aged Masons now located at No. 3333 North Broad Street, Philadelphia. The above be-

quest to be called the 'Charles Jackson McClary Memorial Fund.'"

AND WHEREAS, There was also paid to Grand Lodge on May 21, 1903, the sum of Thirty thousand dollars principal, and four hundred and fifty dollars income, in full of the legacy given by the will of WILLIAM McCLARY, deceased, in the following words:

"I also give and bequeath to the Grand Lodge of Free Masons of Pennsylvania the sum of Thirty thousand dollars in trust to be kept as a perpetual fund, the interest only to be used for a Home for the education and support of the orphan children of Free Masons, if one should be established by the Grand Lodge within twenty years from the year 1900. If no Home is organized within said period, but not otherwise, the said fund of Thirty thousand dollars with the accumulations of interest and income thereon shall be paid over by the Grand Lodge to THOMAS R. PATTON, MICHAEL ARNOLD, LOUIS WAGNER, GEORGE E. WAGNER, and PETER BOYD, whom I appoint as Trustees, five in number, and who are to continue in office during their lives unless their offices should be vacated by resignation or removal from the jurisdiction, in which case and in case of the decease of any of said trustees, the Grand Lodge shall by election fill all vacancies; And upon the decease of all of said trustees elect thereafter the entire Board. My said trustees shall invest the said fund and keep it invested in absolutely safe bonds or other strictly good securities, having respect more to the safety of the principal than to obtaining a large income therefrom. The interest and income therefrom shall be reinvested and added to the principal until the capital shall amount to Fifty thousand dollars, which shall thereafter remain a permanent fund. The interest and income thereof shall be used from time to time for the education and support of minor children of Free Masons in good standing in the said Order in accordance with a code of rules and regulations to be prepared by my Trustees and to be adopted and approved by the Grand Lodge. The above bequest is to be called the 'Charles Jackson McClary Memorial Fund.'"

Therefore, the Committee recommend that beginning with St. John's Day next, December 27, 1903, five members of Grand Lodge be annually appointed by the Right Worshipful Grand Master, to be known and designated as Trustees of the Charles Jackson McClary Memorial Funds, the first Trustees to be appointed by the incoming Grand Master.

That the duties of said Trustees shall be to receive, hold, and invest the principal of said legacies and receive and appropriate the income in accordance with the provisions of the will of WILLIAM MCCLARY, deceased, as hereinabove set forth.

That as soon as the first five Trustees are appointed by the incoming Grand Master, the Grand Treasurer shall, upon the warrant of the Grand Master, pay to them the principal and interest belonging to the said legacies for the purposes of their trust.

That the said Trustees shall report quarterly to Grand Lodge; shall submit their accounts and securities for examination and audit whenever requested by Grand Lodge so to do; and at the end of their term of appointment shall deliver to their successors all books, papers, securities, and moneys in their hands or under their control belonging to said trust.

That the said Trustees shall, subject to the approval of Grand Lodge, make from time to time such rules for the proper conduct of the trust as they shall deem proper, and shall report said rules and any amendments thereof to Grand Lodge, at the next quarterly communication after they are adopted.

In the matter of the petition of the Executors of the Estate of Sarah J. Young, deceased, referred to this Committee by the Right Worshipful Grand Master on November 5, 1903, your Committee report that they have placed the papers in the hands of PETER BOYD, Esq., Attorney for Grand Lodge, who is familiar with the matter, and who will attend to the legal features of the case and look after the best interests of the Grand Lodge.

In regard to the appeal of Osceola Lodge, No. 421, for the remission of dues for 1902, amounting to forty-five dollars, your Committee recommend that the request be granted, and offer the following:

Resolved, That the dues of Osceola Lodge, No. 421, amounting to forty-five dollars, for the year 1902, be and are hereby remitted.

The Committee on Temple recommend a readjustment of the rents of the several Banqueting-Rooms; we therefore offer the following:

Resolved, That from and after December 27, 1903, the rents of the Banqueting-Rooms shall be as follows:

For each occupancy:

Grand Banqueting-Room . . .	\$10.00
Gothic Banqueting-Room . . .	6.00
Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, each . . .	4.00
Nos. 1 and 2 together . . .	5.00
Nos. 1, 2, and 3 together . . .	6.00

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Committee on Finance in reference to the Charles Jackson McClary Memorial Funds be and are hereby approved and adopted.

Resolved, That the Right Worshipful Grand Master be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to draw orders on the Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer, for the several appropriations for the year 1904, as are herein specified.

The Grand Secretary has furnished the Committee with a Balance Sheet of Grand Lodge, as of November 15, 1903, and also one after the closing entries of the year have been made; showing the amounts due to and by Grand Lodge, which is appended hereto and made part of this report.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

CONRAD B. DAY,
AZARIAH W. HOOPES,
MAX RIEBENACK,
EZRA S. BARTLETT,
FRANK M. HIGHLEY,

Committee on Finance.

PHILADELPHIA, December 2, 1903.

BALANCE SHEET, NOVEMBER 14, 1903.

Debits.

Due by Lodges for dues and rents .	\$8,884.50	
Due by Chapters, Commanderies, and bodies other than Lodges for rent	874.08	
Real Estate	1,696,376.95	
Cash	64,716.38	
Stephen Taylor Bequest	12,499.43	
Girard Bequest	64,248.68	
Grand Lodge Charity Fund	78,885.80	
Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund	101,929.58	
Thomas Singleton Bequest	26,213.17	
Transient Relief	50.00	
Committee on Library	4,112.50	
Committee on Temple	25,642.44	
Committee on Correspondence	500.00	
Salaries	12,833.29	
Interest	6,828.99	
Masonic Home	1,000.00	
Almoners Grand Lodge Charity Fund	1,200.00	
Expenses District Deputy Grand Masters	3,067.26	
Expenses Grand Lodge	11,180.99	
Expenses Grand Master	3,700.00	
Improvement of Temple	266,000.00	
George Washington Anniversary Committee	10,517.68	
	<hr/>	\$2,401,261.72

Credits.

Due to Lodges (overpaid dues) .	\$177.50
Extinct Lodges	13.25
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania .	2,009,388.17
Masonic Temple Four per cent. Loan	198,100.00

Bequests of William McClary,	
Deceased	50,750.00
Mary Huston	100.00
Old Fixtures	526.64
Dispensations	22,960.00
Insurance on Temple	63.32
Ahiman Rezons	140.75
Grand Lodge Certificates	121.00
Warrants	1,167.60
Ten per cents. . . .	8,869.50
City Initiations	2,342.00
City Dues	17,052.00
Initiations other than City	6,886.00
Dues other than City	45,835.24
Masonic Rents	36,768.75
	<hr/> \$2,401,261.72

Balance Sheet, November 14, 1903, after closing entries for the year ending this date have been made :

Debits.

Due by Lodges for dues and rents .	\$8,884.50
Due by Chapters, Commanderies, and bodies other than Lodges for rent	874.08
Real Estate	1,696,376.95
Cash	64,716.38
Stephen Taylor Bequest	12,499.43
Girard Bequest	64,248.68
Grand Lodge Charity Fund .	78,885.80
Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund	101,929.58
Thomas Singleton Bequest	26,213.17
Improvement of Temple	266,000.00
George Washington Anniversary Committee	10,517.68
	<hr/> \$2,331,146.25

Credits.

Due to Lodges (overpaid dues) .	177.50	
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania .	2,081,492.11	
Masonic Temple Four per cent.		
Loan	198,100.00	
Bequests of William McClary,		
Deceased	50,750.00	
Mary Huston	100.00	
Old Fixtures	526.64	
		————— \$2,331,146.25

The Committee on Finance offered the following resolution, which was, on motion, adopted :

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be and they are hereby discharged from the further consideration of the financial features of the proposition to establish a Masonic Home, as set forth in the Circular Letter dated September 28, 1903.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

The Committee on By-Laws made the following report, and the resolutions attached thereto were adopted :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons:

Your Committee on By-Laws respectfully report that they have examined the By-Laws and Amendments to By-Laws referred to them and offer the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodges Nos. 231, 419, 600, and 631 be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 438 be amended as follows :

Article IV., Section 2.—By striking out the words “trustees for the time being or his successors” and inserting in lieu thereof the Words “Worshipful Master.”

Article VI., Sections 2 and 3.—By striking out both sections.

Article IX., Section 2.—By striking out the words “and their successors” and inserting after “No. 438” “F. and A. M.”

And that as so amended they be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 502 be amended as follows :

Article VI., Section 1.—By striking out the words “by vote of the Lodge.”

Article VI., Section 3.—By striking out the last clause.

And that as so amended they be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 508 be amended as follows :

Article III., Section 4.—By inserting after the word Lodge in the second line the words “placed in their hands.” By striking out the third sentence. By inserting “No. 508, F. and A. M.,” after the word Lodge in the eighth line.

Article III., Section 5.—By striking out the word “implements” and inserting the word “furniture.”

Article IV., Section 2.—By striking out the words “or by a vote of the Lodge.”

Article V., Section 1.—By striking out the words “unless the same be remitted by a vote thereof.”

Article X.—By striking out the entire Article, and inserting the Article on resignations adopted by Grand Lodge.

And that as so amended they be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 554 be amended as follows :

Article V.—By striking out the words “subject to the provisions of Section 1, Article IV.”

And that as so amended they be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 627 be amended as follows :

Article V.—By striking out in the fifth line the words “no fee” and inserting in lieu thereof “forty dollars;” and in the last clause by striking out the words “subject to the provisions of Section 1, Article IV.”

And that as so amended they be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodges Nos. 52, 59, 81, 271, 320, 432, 444, 453, 525, 534, 565, 576, and 586 be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendment to the By-Laws of Lodge No. 562 be *not* approved, and that said Lodge be directed to amend its By-Laws to conform to the rules and regulations of Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodge No. 245 be approved with the exception of Section 1, Article IX., and that it be amended by striking out the words “annual meeting” and inserting the words “stated meeting next preceding St. John the Evangelist’s Day.”

And that as so amended it be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendment to the By-Laws of Lodge No. 250 be amended by adding the words “for conferring the three degrees by dispensation, in addition to the expenses of the Dispensation fifty dollars.”

And that as so amended it be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendment to the By-Laws of Lodge No. 252 be amended to read as follows: “The dues of each member shall be forty cents per month, except otherwise provided by these By-Laws.”

And that as so amended it be approved.

Resolved, That of the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodge No. 449, Article IV., Section 5, Article V., Sections 1 and 2, Article VII., Sections 1 and 2, and Article X. be approved and that Article IV., Section 1, be amended as follows: By striking out the words "one or more" and inserting "a," and by striking out the words "a Senior and a Junior Deacon." That Article IV., Section 3, be amended as follows: By striking out after the word "account" the words "which shall be" and inserting the words "he shall" before the word "render."

And that as so amended they be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES CARY,
JAMES S. BARBER,
CHARLES F. WIGNALL,
JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON,
SYLVESTER S. GARWOOD,

Committee on By-Laws.

PHILADELPHIA, December 2, 1903.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPLE.

The Committee on Temple made the following reports, which were ordered to be entered and filed:

PHILADELPHIA, November 15, 1903.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons:

The Committee on Temple respectfully present the following report of their receipts and expenditures for the year ending November 15, 1903, excepting therefrom the receipts and expenditures on account of the improvement of the Temple:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, November 15, 1902 .	\$1,393.42
Received from Grand Treasurer, November 15, 1902, to November 15, 1903	25,642.44
Interest on bank deposits	47.51
	<hr/> \$27,083.37

EXPENDITURES.

Employees	\$11,641.05
Electric Light	6,650.46
Gas	19.80
Ice	288.53
Coal	2,474.88
Supplies	1,654.63
Repairs	2,037.08
Hauling ashes, washing towels, cleaning windows, etc.	771.26
Bell Telephone	237.96
Water rent and elevator inspection .	326.00
Insurance	155.07
Interest on bank deposit	47.51
	<hr/> \$26,304.23

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. KELLY,
HIBBERT P. JOHN,
JAMES B. DUFFY,
G. ELLWOOD WAGNER,
Z. TAYLOR RICKARDS,

Committee on Temple.

IMPROVEMENT OF TEMPLE.

PHILADELPHIA, November 15, 1903.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons :

The Committee on Temple respectfully submit the following report of their receipts and expenditures for the improvement of the Temple for the year ending November 15, 1903 :

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, November 15, 1902 .	\$416.09	
Received from Grand Treasurer, November 15, 1902, to November 15, 1903	66,000.00	
Interest on bank deposits	70.16	
	<hr/>	\$66,486.25

EXPENDITURES.

Furnishing and decoration	\$39,976.02	
Plumbing	1,207.36	
Plastering, cement, and painting	6,586.55	
Carpentering, lumber, etc.	698.70	
Electrical work	13,185.70	
Heating and ventilating	567.84	
To Grand Lodge, interest on bank deposits	70.16	
	<hr/>	\$62,292.33

The Committee on Temple would further report that it was their hope and intention to have made an elaborate report with a description of the improvements projected during the past year in the Temple, but in consequence of the disarrangement of labor unions during the summer the contractors were unable, notwithstanding their most persistent efforts, to finish in the time promised and hoped for, and we were prevented from completing arrangements to fit up the Hall for this meeting until the last moment.

It was the intention of the Committee on Temple to prepare an elaborate report and description of Corinthian Hall, because, as you see, it is one of the most perfect specimens of Corinthian architecture and decoration there is in America, and because the projectors of this building, in their far-sightedness, decided to make it educational in the highest sense for the study of architecture with its proper decoration. This places upon us the responsibility to have both architecture and decoration as nearly perfect as possible.

Many of the visitors who come here come for the purpose of making a study of what we offer in full faith that they can rely upon its being consistent with its name.

We hope to have a pamphlet prepared descriptive of this room, and when so prepared we will see that copies are sent to every Lodge in the Jurisdiction for their information and guidance. This will be attended to as soon as it is possible to insure accuracy in its preparation.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM J. KELLY,
HIBBERT P. JOHN,
JAMES B. DUFFY,
G. ELLWOOD WAGNER,
Z. TAYLOR RICKARDS,

Committee on Temple.

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother WILLIAM J. KELLY, Chairman Committee on Temple, offered the following resolution, which was, on motion, adopted :

Resolved, That any surplus that may remain in the treasury may be applied to the finishing of the decoration of the Main Hallway, Gothic and Renaissance Halls, providing that no debt be incurred beyond such surplus.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

The Committee on Library made the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons :

Your Committee on Library respectfully submits the following as its report for 1903 :

BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY.

Bound volumes, November 15, 1902	7,757	
Added by gift and purchase	341	
Added by binding	732	
	—	1,073
		<u>8,830</u>
Unbound volumes, pamphlets, etc.,		
November 15, 1902	5,327	
Added by gift and purchase	1,131	
		<u>6,458</u>
Less Proceedings, etc. bound	2,031	
	—	4,427
Total		<u>13,257</u>
Number last report		13,084
Increase		<u>173</u>
Increase in bound volumes		1,073
Decrease in unbound volumes		900
Net increase of		<u>173</u>

During the past year 21,162 persons have visited the Library, a decrease of 9236 from the preceding year. This large decrease must be attributed to the fact that in the year 1902 thousands of persons visited the Loan Exhibition of Washingtoniana, and we have reason to believe that the early completion

of the proposed additions and alterations to the Library rooms will again greatly increase this number. Compared with the year 1901 there was an increase of 2310 in the number of visitors.

The great interest shown in last year's Loan Exhibition, both by the Craft and the general public, and its unqualified success, has suggested an early exhibition of the large number of Masonic jewels, etc., already the property of the Grand Lodge, and of others which would no doubt be loaned us by their owners. This matter is now being considered by your Committee, and it is hoped to hold the exhibition as soon as the improvements on the first floor of the Temple are completed.

The number of gifts to the permanent Masonic Museum, heretofore mentioned in the reports of the Committee, has been greater than in any previous year. Their value, intrinsically, is greater, but as evidences of the interest of our Brethren in the affairs of the Craft in former generations, their value cannot be estimated. When the collection can be properly displayed, your Committee is satisfied that other and equally valuable contributions will be received. Among the most important gifts received during the past year were the following :

Masonic jewels of Past Grand Masters Brothers PETER WILLIAMSON, MICHAEL ARNOLD, and HENRY W. WILLIAMS.

Masonic jewels of Brother ADDISON V. C. SCHENCK.

Jewels used by the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, Knights Templar, until 1901.

Sixteen Masonic jewels.

"Commemoration of Washington," painted on glass by an artist in Hong Kong, and copied from an engraving published in 1802 by Brother CHAUDRON.

Life-size portrait of KING EDWARD VII. in Masonic clothing.

Aluminum plaque of STEPHEN GIRARD, made by a pupil in Girard College.

Rare steel-engraving, "The Distinguishing Characteristics of Masonry, Charity."

Apron worn at the laying of the corner-stone of the Capitol at Washington.

China punch-bowl, with Masonic emblems, made in China in 1800.

China mug, with Masonic emblems, supposed to be over one hundred years old.

Three china pitchers, with Masonic emblems.

Silver loving-cup presented to Past Grand Master Brother MICHAEL NISBET by Rising Star Lodge, No. 126.

Eighteen certificates and dimits dating from 1778 to 1854.

Washington Medal, struck in gold at the United States Mint.

The collection of Masonic medals now amount to 175, and of the Chapter pennies to 218.

During the past year volumes VII. and VIII. of the Minutes of the Grand Lodge were issued and are now ready for delivery to the members of the Craft. Volume VIII. completes these Minutes to include the year 1854, and in Volume IX., which it is expected to publish early in the coming year, will be found the proceedings of the Grand Lodge from 1855 to 1860. This publication is invaluable to all Masonic students, and it should be in the possession of every member of the Fraternity who wishes to be familiar with the history of the Craft in Pennsylvania. The number of copies of the Minutes of the Grand Lodge sold, exchanged, and on hand is as follows :

	Sold.	Exchanged.	Balance on hand.
Vol. I.	3	38	88
Vol. II.	2	38	319
Vol. III.	5	39	647
Vol. IV.	6	39	661
Vol. V.	10	42	735
Vol. VI.	19	42	736
Vol. VII.	55	47	898
Vol. VIII.	45	47	908

The Committee on Finance has audited and found correct the accounts of the Treasurer of the Committee and of the Librarian.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, November 15, 1902 . . .	\$1,403.99
Received from the R. W. Grand Treasurer, appropriation of the Grand Lodge for 1903 . .	4,112.50
Received from the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation, A. A. S. Rite, for binding . . .	50.00
Received from the Grand H. R. A. Chapter of Pennsylvania, for binding . . .	100.00
Received from the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, K. T., for binding . . .	100.00
Received from Librarian for sale of books . .	46.75
Received from interest on deposits . . .	73.15
	<hr/>
	\$5,886.39

EXPENDITURES.

Purchase of books and pamphlets . . .	\$426.52
Subscriptions to newspapers and periodicals	80.50
Purchase of antiquities, etc.	278.86
Binding	415.10
Printing, supplies, etc.	82.35
Petty cash and sundries	50.62
Salaries	1,762.50
Printing the Minutes of Grand Lodge, Volumes VII. and VIII.	2,393.03
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	5,489.48
Balance, November 15, 1903 . . .	<hr/>
	\$396.91

Your Committee again repeats its acknowledgment to the Grand Lodge for its liberal appropriation for the work of the Library, and its thanks to the Craft generally for the continued

interest taken in this important branch of the operations of the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally yours,

LOUIS WAGNER, *Chairman*,
I. LAYTON REGISTER,
THOMAS S. STOUT, *Secretary*,
JOSHUA L. LYTE,
GILBERT L. LENTZ,
ARNO LEONHARDT,
WILLIAM D. McILROY,

Committee on Library.

PHILADELPHIA, December 2, 1903.

A petition for a Warrant for a new Lodge to be held at Sunbury, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

An appeal was received from A. O. D., formerly a member of Lodge No. —, appealing from the action of said Lodge in expelling him from membership, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

An appeal was received from I. F. D., formerly a member of Lodge No. —, appealing from the action of said Lodge in suspending him from membership, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

MEMORIAL VOLUME.

Brother JAMES M. LAMBERTON, Secretary of the Washington Sesqui-centennial Anniversary Committee, reported that the Committee had directed that copy

No. 1, of the Memorial Volume of the Celebration, should be specially bound for Brother THEODORE ROOSEVELT, President of the United States. The execution of this direction took shape in a royal octavo volume, flexibly bound in full Turkey Levant, with gilt edges and leather linings, having gold embossed sides and gold mitred panelled back, and having on the inside of the front cover the following inscription in gold :

Brother THEODORE ROOSEVELT,
Matinecock Lodge, No. 806, Oyster Bay, N. Y.
President of the United States,
Present in Grand Lodge
November the fifth, A.D. 1902, A.L. 5902,
with the fraternal compliments of
the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F. and A. M.
EDGAR A. TENNIS, *Grand Master*.

This was sent in a purple-covered box, lined with white watered silk, together with the following letter :

HARRISBURG, PA., July 17, 1903.

THE PRESIDENT,

Oyster Bay, New York :

SIR AND BROTHER,—By direction of the Sesqui-centennial Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F. and A. M., I have the pleasure of sending you herewith a copy, specially bound in full purple Turkey Levant, of the Memorial Volume of the celebration of the Sesqui-centennial Anniversary of the Initiation of Brother GEORGE WASHINGTON into the Fraternity of Freemasons, which was held in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Philadelphia, on November the fifth, 1902, at which time you joined with your Brethren of the Craft in doing honor to the memory of your illustrious predecessor.

The Brethren of the Committee ask you to accept this book with their most fraternal regards and best wishes for your prosperity.

I have the honor to be

Fraternally yours,

JAMES M. LAMBERTON,

Secretary.

The following was Brother ROOSEVELT's reply :

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., September 10, 1903.

MY DEAR BROTHER LAMBERTON,—My secretary has just called my attention to the specially bound Memorial Volume of the celebration at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, of the Sesqui-centennial Anniversary of the Initiation of Brother GEORGE WASHINGTON into the Brotherhood of Freemasons, which you have so kindly sent me. Pray accept my sincere thanks for your courtesy. I shall keep it with the other souvenirs of that occasion, always remembering the pleasure it gave me to be present with the Brethren.

With fraternal regards, believe me

Faithfully yours,

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

MR. JAMES M. LAMBERTON, *Secretary*,
216 Market Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

It was then ordered that a description of the book sent to Brother ROOSEVELT, and copies of the letters with regard to it, should be entered upon the minutes.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master appointed the following Brethren on the Committee on Masonic Homes, in accordance with resolution adopted this evening :

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother
SAMUEL B. DICK.

District Deputy Grand Master Brother WILLIAM B.
MEREDITH.

District Deputy Grand Master Brother WILLIAM L.
GORGAS.

Brother JAMES B. KRAUSE, Lodge No. 397.

Brother MAX RIEBENACK, Lodge No. 158.

On motion of Brother M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ, it was
Resolved, That a complete set of the reprint of the
Minutes of this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge be
presented to the Library of the Historical Society of
Pennsylvania, located in the City of Philadelphia.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 8 o'clock 10
minutes P.M.

William A. Sinn
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

ANNUAL GRAND COMMUNICATION.

Held at Philadelphia, December 28, A.D. 1903, A.L. 5903.

PRESENT:

BRO. EDGAR A. TENNIS . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Master.</i>
" JAMES W. BROWN . . .	<i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i>
" GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR. . .	<i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i>
" GEORGE B. ORLADY . . .	<i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden.</i>
" THOMAS R. PATTON . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i>
" WILLIAM A. SINN . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i>
" JOHN A. PERRY . . .	<i>Deputy Grand Secretary.</i>
" SAMUEL B. DICK . . .	} <i>R. W. Past Grand Masters.</i>
" CONRAD B. DAY . . .	
" WILLIAM J. KELLY . . .	
" GEORGE E. WAGNER . . .	
" JOHN W. LANSINGER . . .	} <i>D. D. Grand Masters.</i>
" WILLIAM L. GORGAS . . .	
" GEORGE H. SHIRK . . .	
" DAVID H. WEAVER . . .	
" THADDEUS S. ADLE . . .	
" CHARLES S. VANDEGRIFT . . .	
" JOHN J. HITTLE . . .	
" MATTHEW M. MACMILLAN . . .	
" WILLIAM B. MEREDITH . . .	
" JOHN W. FARNSWORTH . . .	
" JOHN D. GOFF . . .	
" WILLIAM H. MAXWELL . . .	
" RICHARD E. COCHRAN . . .	

Bro. JAMES W. ROBINS, D.D. . .	}	<i>Grand Chaplains.</i>
" J. GRAY BOLTON, D.D. . .		
" CHARLES H. BOND . . .		
" GEORGE W. MACLAUGHLIN, D.D. . .		
" FRANK B. LYNCH, D.D. . .	}	<i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
" CHARLES M. SWAIN . . .		
" JOHN L. KINSEY . . .	}	<i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
" GEORGE A. HOWE . . .		
" McCLUNEY RADCLIFFE . . .	}	<i>Grand Stewards.</i>
" GEORGE B. WELLS . . .		
" ROBERT J. LINDEN . . .	}	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
" J. HENRY WILLIAMS . . .		
" WILLIAM A. RHOADS . . .	}	<i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
" J. HENRY WILLIAMS . . .		
" WILLIAM A. RHOADS . . .	}	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
" WILLIAM A. RHOADS . . .		
" WILLIAM A. RHOADS . . .	}	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>
" WILLIAM A. RHOADS . . .		

One hundred and eight Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 10 o'clock A.M.

Copies of proposed Amendments to By-Laws were received from a number of Lodges and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The Communication from Lodge No. —, which was read at the Quarterly Communication of December 2, 1903, requesting Grand Lodge to remove the expulsion of A. L. W., was again read, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Appeals.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

The Committee on Appeals made the following report, and the resolution attached thereto was adopted :

PHILADELPHIA, December 28, A.D. 1903, A.L. 5903.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons :

In the matter of the appeal of I. F. D. from the action of Lodge No. —, in suspending him therefrom, the Committee on Appeals respectfully report :

The appellant is charged with unmasonic conduct : that he received money sent him by a member of the Lodge for his dues, which he failed to immediately pay to the Secretary, but which he claims he overlooked at the first meeting, but did, in fact, pay it over voluntarily at the subsequent one.

The proceedings of the Trial Committee show a reckless want of regularity to comply with the requirements of the Ahiman Rezon, both unwarranted and inexcusable ; all the laws, rules, regulations, and forms for the charges against a Brother and the manner of conducting a trial are so fully set forth in the Ahiman Rezon, Article XIII., page 33, Section 10, pages 138–147, and the numerous decisions of Grand Lodge, pages 191, 192, and elsewhere are so plain, that a Lodge or a Trial Committee failing to perfect its procedure in accordance therewith is censurable and its decisions cannot be sustained by Grand Lodge.

In this trial the errors are numerous ; particularly noticeable is the preparation of the charges, in which the words “in violation of his obligation as a Master Mason,” which under a recent action of Grand Lodge are prohibited. A gross error was committed by the Worshipful Master or Secretary in the refusal to furnish the appellant (although several times requested to do so) with a copy of the proceedings of the Trial Committee and the action of the Lodge thereon, to enable him to complete his appeal to Grand Lodge within the statutory period of six months, he having been compelled to file his appeal without the necessary papers to protect his rights ; they were furnished after a long delay and were received just about the hour the appeal was read at the December Communication. Another serious omission was made. None of the witnesses—Master Masons—were obligated in the usual form ; their evidence was not re-

duced to writing and signed as required ; none of the summonses were properly attested as to deliveries, etc.

These mistakes are amply sufficient to sustain the appeal.

To deprive a Brother of his right of membership—aye, his whole Masonic life—without a trial conducted according to Masonic Law and under its sanction and protection would be a hardship and contrary to its beautiful teachings. A Lodge must enforce its laws, maintain its dignity and good standing, but in doing so it should be careful to fully guard each member's rights.

In view of the facts thus presented, the Committee offer the following :

Resolved, That the appeal of I. F. D. from the action of Lodge No. —, be sustained, and that he be restored to membership in said Lodge.

Fraternally submitted for the Committee.

WILLIAM B. HACKENBURG.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Correspondence submitted their report (see Appendix), which was referred to the Grand Officers, with power to print.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

The Committee on By-Laws made the following report, and the resolutions attached thereto were adopted :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons :

The Committee on By-Laws respectfully report that they have examined the Amendments to By-Laws referred to them, and offer the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodges Nos. 67, 278, 324, and 444 be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodge No. 75 be approved, and that said Lodge be directed to further amend its By-Laws to conform to the Rules and Regulations of Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That of the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodge No. 512, Section 1, Article V., be approved, and Section 1, Article VI., be amended by striking out the words "By a vote of the Lodge or," and that said Lodge be directed to further amend its By-Laws to conform to the Rules and Regulations of Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES CARY,
JAMES S. BARBER,
CHARLES F. WIGNALL,
JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON,
SYLVESTER S. GARWOOD,

Committee on By-Laws.

December 28, 1903.

REPORT OF THE ALMONERS OF THE GRAND LODGE CHARITY FUND.

The Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund made the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons :

The Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund respectfully report and present herewith a statement of their proceedings during the year 1903.

They have received and favorably acted upon four hundred and sixty-two (462) applications for relief. The applicants represent the following Jurisdictions :

Pennsylvania	422
Delaware	16
Virginia	3
Arkansas	3
South Dakota	3
New York	3
Ohio	3
Missouri	1
Nova Scotia	3
Scotland	4
Madras	1
Total	<u>462</u>

CASH ACCOUNT.

Balance on hand from 1902	\$15.00
Appropriation for use of Class No. 1	1600.00
“ “ “ 2	800.00
“ “ “ 3	800.00
“ “ “ 4	1600.00
Add cash returned, not used	<u>35.00</u>
Total	\$4850.00
Amount granted to 462 applicants	<u>4745.00</u>
Balance	\$105.00

We desire to return our thanks to Grand Lodge for the prompt response to our request for the renewal of the special appropriation of twelve hundred dollars, for, as may be seen by our present report, had it not been granted we would have been obliged to turn away many applications for relief.

During the year we have lost by death one of the most earnest and efficient of the Almoners, Brother EDWARD J. JAMES,

who represented Lodge No. 393 on the Board since 1880. He was always willing to attend to the wants of the widows and orphans, and we mourn his loss.

AMOS H. HALL,
President.

DECEMBER 25, 1903.

REPORT OF THE STEWARDS OF THE STEPHEN GIRARD CHARITY FUND.

The Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund made the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons :

The undersigned, on behalf of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund, submits the following report of their proceedings for the year ending December 26, 1903.

Balance on hand December 26, 1902	\$2110.00
Amount appropriated to Class No. 1	\$700.00
" " " 2	550 00
" " " 3	550.00
" " " 4	700.00
Total amount granted by Grand Lodge	<u>2500.00</u>
	\$4610.00

In the performance of their official duty the Stewards granted relief on one hundred and thirty-three applications from poor and respectable Brethren, to wit :

128 from the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania	\$2230.00
2 " " " New York	50.00
1 " " " Kansas	25.00
1 " " " Illinois	20.00
1 " " " Scotland	20.00
<u>133</u>	<u>\$2345.00</u>
Balance remaining December 26, 1903	2265.00
	<u>\$4610.00</u>

Respectfully submitted,
BARCLAY J. WOODWARD,
President of Stewards.

PHILADELPHIA, December 26, 1903.

REPORT OF THE BURSARS OF THE THOMAS R. PATTON MEMORIAL CHARITY FUND.

The Bursars of the Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund made the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons :

The Bursars of the Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund respectfully report that during the past year they have expended the following amounts to the persons entitled to the benefits of the said fund :

Class No. 1	\$604.00
" " 2	613.00
" " 3	510.00
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Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL H. RHOADS,

President of the Board.

PHILADELPHIA, December 26, 1903.

The following communication from the Committee on Library was read, and, on motion, ordered to be entered in the minutes :

DECEMBER 15, 1903.

WILLIAM A. SINN, ESQ.,

Grand Secretary,

Masonic Temple, Philadelphia :

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER,—In reply to the Resolution adopted on the 2d of December last by our Grand Lodge, in the matter of the Minutes published by our Committee, to be presented to the Library of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, I beg to say that the Committee on Library more than a year ago passed a Resolution to send a copy of each

volume of the Minutes to the said Library. This has been done, and in return we have received many books, pamphlets, etc., of Masonic interest from the Historical Society, for which we have returned proper thanks.

Fraternally yours,

LOUIS WAGNER,

Chairman.

ADDRESS OF THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER.

Right Worshipful Grand Master Brother EDGAR A. TENNIS delivered the following address :

BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE :

The concluding words of a Grand Master attract but little attention in comparison with those announcing his purposes, hopes, and ambition when assuming this high station. Duties performed, promises fulfilled, expectations realized, or the reverse of these conditions, are running through your minds, and it is not the purpose of this address to add color to victory or excuse to defeat, each having been met with a conscientious desire to do good and not evil. No complaint which came to me has gone unheard ; no wrong I was asked to right has been unredressed, and, as I approach my last official act, I do so conscious of a sincere effort to faithfully perform every duty of this Station with partiality towards none, with charity for all, having paramount the greatest good of this Grand Body.

To err is but human, and while sharing with my

fellow Brethren this human frailty, the erring path has been a source of pleasant reflection and useful instruction, because of the bright luminaries by whom I was surrounded, and who withheld not in day or night-time their valuable aid and advice in the true spirit of Masonic kindness. Whatever difference of opinion there may exist as to any subject agitated in this Grand Lodge, it should never be forgotten that the sacred tie which binds our hearts together in the Mystic Circle of Brotherly Love and Affection admits of no discord; while it should ever be uppermost in our minds and hearts that the first claim an erring Brother has upon us is that beautiful token of Masonic excellence—Charity.

While I dare not flatter myself that my performance of duty has been satisfactory to all the Brethren, I can assure them of my intended impartiality throughout, and if aught has been said or done by me calculated to wound the feelings or in any manner offend, I express here my earnest regret and my truthful declaration that it was undesigned.

I congratulate myself on being able to surrender the trust confided to me to my worthy and honored successor with the prosperity of our Fraternity undiminished, its character untarnished, and its usefulness not lessened; but to you, my Brethren, more than to myself belongs the credit for thus preserving the honor and usefulness of our Institution; without your generous assistance, your ever-ready confidence, your willing

obedience, and your cordial support, my efforts would have availed but little.

The Freemasonry introduced into this State a century and three-quarters ago, in part organized and inaugurated under the auspices and zealous endeavors of Brother BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, has at all times inspired our members to higher ideals, better citizenship, patriotic devotion to their country, and to the glorious cause of Liberty, pursuing the even tenor of its way, following out the directions of its Landmarks, and practising quietly but constantly those principles for which it was originated, and which it has so long maintained.

To God, and to Him alone, are we indebted for the peace, happiness, and prosperity that have prevailed through all these years, and with grateful hearts we entreat His protection, blessing, and guidance for the years of the future.

Honored abroad, advancing at home, free from all disturbing or counteracting influences, the sheen of our glory undimmed by any cloud of discord, no more fitting time could have been selected to remember those who are called to suffer, to wipe tears from sorrowing eyes, to shed the beam of hope on despairing hearts, to raise a monument for our gratitude, and to devote it to God, to distressed Brethren, and those dependent upon them. No act of this Grand Lodge, in my judgment, will live so long in sweet memory or do so much to prove that the world is no dead or dark machine,

but alight with the glory, and alive with the Spirit, of God, as its recent resolution to establish, and maintain by this Grand Lodge, Homes for aged Masons, their wives, widows, and their orphan children.

We have approached this charity with a conservatism, as to time, characteristic of this Grand Lodge, and now, with a sentiment so homogeneous and helpful, let each of the sixty-five thousand Masons in this Jurisdiction understand that he can never have any real interest in this enterprise until he has made sacrifices for it, since no real good or benefit do we ever receive, which has not caused some other one a pang or tear. All that is good on earth or in Heaven is the outcome of sacrifice.

The most remarkable history ever written contained six words ; its author is the Author of all things ; it has been read by millions ; you all know it by heart ; a simple act of love was the cause of it, and, while time shall last, this world will never contain a richer alabaster box than that with which Mary broke to anoint her Master, and the odor of which will linger around Christian hearts forever—

“ She hath done what she could.”

Let us all do what we can to assist Grand Lodge in the furtherance of this resolution with all possible speed, that mockery may be silenced and our heads be no longer bowed in shame, while orators declare us a great benevolent Institution, founded on the principles

of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, and point to Charity as the chief round in our ladder which extends from Earth to Heaven; for while we are entitled to some credit in a charitable way, yet compared with our ability we are lamentably deficient. The responsibility is upon us, who profess to rule and govern, to see that the avenues are opened for a broader charity and a more generous exercise of the virtues upon which our superstructure is built.

Freemasonry is like religion; it must begin in the heart, and no man or set of men should be delegated authority to direct our charities whose sympathies are not broad enough to embrace all men as Brothers and whose charitable instinct banishes from his soul all personal and selfish glorification; that this Grand Lodge has ever been free from just criticism in this regard is a part of our unwritten history, and we may reasonably hope to see, in the control of our Masonic Homes, that same broad spirit of helpfulness which has characterized it in the silent ministrations of our munificent charity.

My faith in the charitable personnel of this Grand Lodge and its constituent membership prompts a prediction that within ten years from the time our proposed Home or Homes are opened to receive inmates, the donations and bequests both from within and without the Fraternity will be sufficiently large to maintain the Charity without cost to this Grand Lodge.

I feel constrained to pen a line upon a subject that

must be apparent to every Grand Master or official Brother whose duties bring him in touch with the ambition and personal characteristics of our Brethren, and that is the inconsistency of friendship as taught by all the lessons in Freemasonry. Too often our prejudices rule our passions for ill, and we forget that one of the lessons Masonry teaches is to think better of the world in which we live, and especially of our Brethren, and so to value the one as to think it worth while to try and make it nobler and better, and the other as to never be willing to have the bonds of friendship broken. One good friend, or one true Masonic Brother, is not to be weighed against the jewels of earth. If there comes coolness or unkindness between you and a Brother, do not revile him behind his back, but come face to face and have an explanation. Come together quickly before love grows cold ; clasp hands and let the past be forgotten, for a friend or Brother is too precious to be lightly thrown aside.

What a world ours would be if peopled with such ! They are Heaven-born, and, indeed, from that better land ; but seldom one out of the many cometh to us. We see a little of the better and 'tis gone ; the cold, dark world with its frowning eyes looks on, and is exultant over our defeat and misery, but friendship, like a guardian angel, enfolds us to its warm embrace, helps us over the hills of difficulty and up the rugged path of life, never deserting until the struggle is over and the victory achieved. Personally I have educated

myself to believe it is "Better to trust all and be deceived, and mourn that trust and that deceiving, than doubt one heart which, if believed, had blessed thy life with that blessing."

No year in our history records so many additions to our ranks; our relations with Sister Jurisdictions continue most cordial, and on every side we find fields widening and purposes deepening for the betterment of the Craft and the uplifting of the profane. If there is cause for concern, it is not for lack of additions to Lodge membership, but for the rapid increase thereof.

Our Lodges cannot be too cautious or guard too rigidly their portals; the qualifications of every applicant cannot be too closely examined, and none should be admitted who do not possess, to the fullest extent, all the qualifications requisite to make them useful and valuable members of our Society.

The greater number of members a Lodge can obtain does not of necessity make her the most useful; I fear, even at this time, more danger of some of our Lodges breaking down from having too many, than from too small a number of members. Let me also remind you that Ancient Craft Masonry begins with the Entered Apprentice Degree, and ends with the Royal Arch Degree, and that so much of Masonry is pure and perfect, venerable for its antiquity, hoary with age; beyond this all is modern, new, and ornamental, adding nothing to its strength or grandeur,

and may serve to subtract something from its simple and austere beauty.

Masonry needs nothing new, for her ritual is simple, impressive, unique, and sublime; her inculcations are truths—immortal truths—with an adaptability to our race that must exist until wrong is banished from the world and virtue reinstated on her ancient throne—until suffering has no want to relieve and sorrow no tear to dry.

Let no humble Brother of the Blue Lodge distrust the fact that all of Masonry is contained in the three ancient Degrees with the instructions of the Royal Arch, nor let him become envious of those who claim to be his superiors in Masonic knowledge, because they have affixed to their names the appellation of some presiding officer in the so-called “higher bodies;” when these titles appear in public print they are only calculated to make the vulgar stare, and with the right-feeling, sensible Mason or man of the world, excite unfavorable comment.

Are we making too many members of Lodges and too few Masons? Complaint of this evil comes from all around us. We have heard it in the past; it assails our ears in the present. Are we endeavoring to make Masonry popular?

Do we think more of the fees for the Degrees than of the good of Masonry?

These are questions for serious consideration. The

remedy, "a more unsparing use of the blackball," is every Master Mason's prerogative.

During the early summer an application was made to the Courts of Fayette County by the colored people of that vicinity for a charter for "The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Ancient York Masons in Pennsylvania." This coming to my knowledge, I requested Brother JOHN D. CARR, District Deputy Grand Master for the county of Fayette, to appear in Court with counsel and oppose the granting of the aforesaid charter. Following my instructions, the inconsistency of the application was made clear to the Court, and during the past fortnight an adverse decision has been rendered.

The thanks of Grand Lodge are due and are tendered to Brother CARR and the Brethren who assisted him in his effort to preserve the name and dignity of Ancient Craft Masonry in our midst.

We have no objection to our colored friends assuming to be of the true tribe, so long as that assumption pleases them and inspires them to do good, but we cannot encourage a false position which affects the fair name, the exceptional record, the sovereignty, dignity, and respectability of this Grand Lodge.

Masonry knows no distinction of race or color, and no man, black or white, can of his own mere will become a Mason. He must first be accepted by the Brethren, and then pass through ceremonies in a regularly constituted Lodge before he can be entitled to the rights and privileges of Masonry.

If he is not accepted, there is an end to the matter, and the law applies with equal force to white or black. Whatever claim the negro may have upon our sympathies, however much we may desire to ameliorate his condition or raise him to the level of social equality, he possesses no prescriptive right to the benefits of Masonry. The law cannot be changed in his favor, or give him a preference over the Caucasian. He is now, so far as the right to become a Mason is concerned in the eye of Masonry, on the same level with the white, as he ever will be.

If at the present time prejudice prevents his admission to our Lodges, let him wait with patience. Time produces many changes. Kindness wins more than force, and the issues are with God.

INSTRUCTION.

The work of the Temple School of Instruction continues most satisfactory; not only has the interest increased, but the membership shows an increase during the year, after deducting resignations, deaths, and suspensions, of 32, and a total membership of 848.

The office of the Instructor has also been busy, showing instruction given to 1731 members, representing 215 Lodges; an increase over last year of 140 individual members, and an increase in Lodge representation of 27.

I am glad to evidence this appreciation of the new

department for instruction, and predict that its usefulness will continue to increase year by year, since the tendency for higher education in our rites is everywhere apparent.

The various Schools of Instruction throughout the Jurisdiction are doing a good work. Our Lodge officers are generally proficient in their work, and seem to realize more than ever before that the honors of Masonry can be purchased only by deeds; and without them the honors of official distinction are an empty bauble fit only for children in pastime.

Work is the criterion of merit, faithfulness to duty the measure of success.

I hope to learn of more Schools being organized, and call the attention of District Deputy Grand Masters to this important helpfulness.

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION.

January 20, 1903.—I appointed Brother WALTER D. BOWDITCH, of Lodge No. 81, to supervise the School of Instruction held in the Hall of Lodge No. 296, at Germantown, Philadelphia.

January 26.—Appointed Brother ALBERT D. PINKHAM, Past Master of Lodge No. 43, as principal Instructor in the Lancaster School of Instruction.

January 31 and February 1.—Sent the Instructor of Work, Brother WILLIAM B. JOSSLYN, to Erie for the purpose of instructing the Brethren.

February 2.—Appointed the officers and instructors

of the Temple School of Instruction in Philadelphia for the year 1903.

February 9.—Appointed the officers and instructors of the Reading School of Instruction for the year 1903.

March 2.—Authorized Brother THOMAS N. MCKEE, Past Master of Lodge No. 244, to instruct the Brethren of the Twenty-seventh Masonic District in the work of the several Degrees.

March 3.—Accompanied by the Grand Officers, I visited the Temple School of Instruction in Philadelphia, and witnessed the work of the three Degrees.

July 2.—Approved the officers elected to conduct the Masonic School of Instruction located at Monongahela.

VISITATIONS.

During the year, accompanied by the Grand Officers, I have made the following informal visitations :

January 5, 1903, Lodge No. 52, at Philadelphia.

February 26, Lodge No. 553, at Spring City.

March 11, Grand Lodge of New Jersey, at Trenton, New Jersey.

April 2, Lodge No. 385, at Philadelphia, Thirty-sixth Anniversary.

April 15, Lodge No. 386, at Philadelphia.

May 12, Lodge No. 292, at Philadelphia.

June 9, Lodge No. 456, at Philadelphia, at which the Most Worshipful Grand Master of New Jersey and a delegation of members from Lodge No. 5, of Trenton, New Jersey, were present.

June 12, Lodge No. 22, at Sunbury.

June 13, Lodge No. 324, at Mifflintown.

June 18, Lodge No. 519, at Philadelphia, Thirtieth Anniversary.

June 20, Lodge No. 273, at Ardmore, Fiftieth Anniversary.

July 7, Lodge No. 400, at Jenkintown.

October 8, Lodge No. 121, at Philadelphia.

October 15, Lodge No. 369, at Philadelphia.

October 20, Lodge No. 278, at Johnstown, Fiftieth Anniversary.

October 29, Lodge No. 276, at Brookville, Fiftieth Anniversary.

November 27, Lodge No. 610, at Philadelphia, Eighth Anniversary.

DIVINE SERVICE.

On Sunday morning, December 27, 1903, accompanied by the Grand Lodge Officers, the members of Franklin Lodge No. 134, the members of University Lodge, No. 610, and others, to the number of one hundred and fifty, attended Divine Service at Christ Protestant Episcopal Church, Second and Market Streets, the sermon being preached by the Rev. C. ELLIS STEVENS, LL.D., D.C.L.

The occasion marked the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Anniversary of GEORGE WASHINGTON'S presence in the same Church, at which time about three hundred Masonic Brethren accompanied him. No outward mark

distinguished us upon this occasion from other members of the congregation, except the wearing of white gloves, and, in my judgment, at no time when attending Divine Service as a Masonic body should any insignia of the Institution other than white gloves be worn, to do which no Dispensation will be necessary, and Lodges may at their convenience attend Church without permission from the Grand Master to do so.

I strongly advise a more general custom in this regard among our Lodges, believing that good will result therefrom, and many Brethren, loyal to their Lodge, may thus be induced to attend Church once a year, who might otherwise neglect such duty.

MISCELLANEOUS.

February 17, 1903.—At the request of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Maryland, I directed Lodge No. 348 to perform the Masonic burial service over the remains of Brother WILLIAM E. EMIG, of the Jurisdiction of Maryland.

April 20.—Granted permission to Rev. JAMES G. EVANS, of Kingston, Ontario, to address the Brethren of a Lodge in the Twenty-fourth Masonic District, on the subject of "Lessons for the Craft from the Pyramids."

April 29.—At the request of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, I directed Lodge No. 226 to perform the Masonic burial service over the remains of Brother JOHN C. YOCUM, Most Worshipful Grand Master of

Missouri, who was made a Mason in Catawissa Lodge, No. 349, of this Jurisdiction, April 28, 1885, and who attended our Washington Celebration November 5, 1902.

June 26.—At the request of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Maryland, I directed Lodge No. 348 to perform the Masonic burial service over the remains of Brother F. A. ZIEGLER, of that Jurisdiction.

October 20.—Approved the election of Brother WILLIAM H. WEISS, of Lodge No. 292, as a member of the Board of Hall Trustees of that Lodge, to fill a vacancy caused by death.

May 20.—Received from Brother PETER BOYD, representing Grand Lodge, two checks for \$20,300 and \$30,450 respectively, the bequest to Grand Lodge by the late Mr. WILLIAM McCLARY.

DECISIONS.

The vote on a dispensation to Pass to the Chair is decided by a majority vote of those present.

The Entered Apprentice Degree can be conferred at a special meeting called for that purpose, provided the petitioner was approved at a stated meeting, and that notice of the special meeting is sent to all the members.

Any Master Mason who has a withdrawal Certificate from his Lodge, or who the records in the office of the Grand Secretary show has resigned his membership in

his Lodge, and that the resignation has been accepted, can sign the application for a warrant for a new Lodge up to the time of its constitution.

A Lodge in this Jurisdiction cannot confer the Degrees upon a petitioner to another Jurisdiction. (See Ahiman Rezon, Section 28, page 52.)

Moneys belonging to the Lodge should be kept by the Treasurer separate and apart from other funds, and if the Lodge designates a particular banking institution in which the funds of the Lodge shall be deposited, the Lodge, and not the Treasurer or his bondsman, is responsible for the safety of the funds while in the banking institution designated by the Lodge.

Where a rejected petitioner for initiation and membership has removed from the vicinity of the rejecting Lodge, and established a residence elsewhere, and thereafter presents a petition to the rejecting Lodge, such Lodge must inquire of the Lodge nearest his then present place of residence whether there is Masonic objection to its acting on said petition as required by the Ahiman Rezon, Article 21, Section 8, page 64, provided the petitioner has resided in the new location a sufficient time to establish a residence.

Grand Lodge holds no restriction over Lodge funds, except that they shall not be used for other than Masonic purposes.

Objection made privately to a Worshipful Master, or by letter addressed to him, is not sufficient to prevent the initiation of an approved petitioner, unless the Master is willing to make the objection his own, makes it in open Lodge, and causes it to be entered upon the minutes.

A Lodge can have a special meeting in the afternoon and confer Degrees upon candidates that are eligible, can call off at six o'clock for refreshment, and call on again at seven o'clock ; this is one meeting ; but should the Worshipful Master close the Lodge at six o'clock, the meeting at seven o'clock would be another meeting, and would not be a lawful one unless the members received notice of the additional special meeting.

A dispensation to Pass to the Chair is not "mandatory," but is an "authority" or "permission ;" therefore the Lodge must decide by a majority vote whether it will act.

It is within the power of the Worshipful Master to call any Brother to the chair whom he deems competent to perform the work of that station.

It is entirely in the pleasure and judgment of the Worshipful Master whether or not he resigns his station temporarily to a District Deputy Grand Master.

Decided that the residents of the borough of Monaca are nearest to Lodge No. 229, and, should they petition another Lodge in this Jurisdiction, inquiry must be made of Lodge No. 229.

It is not necessary for each member personally to request the Worshipful Master to excuse him from voting; unless the Worshipful Master directs all members to vote, it is assumed that he excuses those who have not voted.

No specified number of black balls in proportion to the white balls need be in the ballot-box; it is presumed there is a fair proportion of both colors. The balls should be distinct as to color, so that the black balls can be distinguished from the white without effort.

There is no reason why a Brother who has been recognized as an Entered Apprentice Mason by his Lodge for the past thirty (30) years, by accepting from him his annual dues, should not be further advanced if he so desires; but he should pay the fee as now charged for the Fellow Craft and Master Mason's Degrees.

A petitioner, after being approved and before he has received his first Degree, losing the sight in one eye, is physically disqualified and cannot be initiated.

A Lodge-room cannot be sublet to a Lodge of Eastern Star.

A Brother having resigned, and the Lodge having accepted his money as well as his resignation, the Worshipful Master and Wardens have no alternative in the matter, and must sign his Certificate.

Refused to sanction a society the membership of which was to be confined entirely to Master Masons.

Refused permission to Lodge No. —, to hold a reunion of the Lodge at a club-house in New Jersey.

No Masonic burial service can be performed at a cremation.

A motion that a Lodge act upon a dispensation to Pass to the Chair can be made at a stated, special, or extra meeting, and it does not require that previous notice be given to the members.

Decided the borough of Monessen neutral territory as between Lodge No. 615, at Charleroi, and Lodge No. 626, at Donora.

A Lodge cannot restore to good Masonic standing, after his death, a Brother who was suspended for non-payment of dues. No one but the suspended member can make application to be restored.

Decided Smoke Run to be neutral territory as between Lodge No. 515, at Osceola, and Lodge No. 574, at Coalport.

When charges have been preferred against a Master Mason and referred to a committee to report if trial is necessary, this report, when made to the Lodge, and by motion accepted, closes the question so far as the specifications then under consideration are concerned; and the accused should not be subjected to further investigation, unless upon charges and specifications more serious in character and specific in detail than those first preferred.

Although a Lodge may hold two meetings on the same day, it is an evasion of the Ahiman Rezon to make more than five Freemasons thereon.

DISPENSATIONS.

January 14, 1903.—To Lodge No. 504, to hold a special election for Treasurer, to fill vacancy caused by declination to be installed.

January 15.—To Lodge No. 601, to hold a special election for Junior Warden, to fill vacancy caused by declination to be installed.

January 24.—To Lodge No. 376, to hold special election for Treasurer, to fill vacancy caused by death.

January 27.—To Lodge No. 289, to hold a special election for Treasurer, to fill vacancy caused by declination to be installed.

February 2.—To Lodge No. 342, to hold a special election for Secretary, to fill vacancy caused by death.

February 13.—To Lodge No. 443, to hold a special election for Junior Warden, to fill vacancy caused by removal from the Jurisdiction.

March 26.—To Lodge No. 231, to hold a special election for Treasurer, to fill vacancy caused by death.

April 10.—To Lodge No. 613, to hold a special election for Senior Warden, to fill vacancy caused by death.

April 20.—To Lodge No. 186, to hold a special election for Treasurer, to fill vacancy caused by declination to be installed.

April 29.—To Lodge No. 43, to hold a special election for Secretary, to fill vacancy caused by declination to be installed.

April 29.—To Lodge No. 525, to hold a special election for Secretary, to fill vacancy caused by death.

June 8.—To Lodge No. 164, to continue Masonic labor in the full and complete manner until the next Communication of Grand Lodge, owing to the loss or destruction of its Warrant.

June 12.—To a Past Master of Lodge No. 59, to open and conduct a special meeting of the Lodge to be held this day.

June 23.—To Lodge No. 441, to hold a special election for Treasurer, to fill vacancy caused by death.

September 14.—To Lodge No. 222, to hold a special election for Treasurer, to fill vacancy caused by death.

September 23.—To Lodge No. 226, to hold a special election for Treasurer, to fill vacancy caused by death.

October 19.—To Lodge No. 306, to inter Brother M. O. L., an unaffiliated Mason, with Masonic honors.

APPOINTMENTS.

January 16, 1903.—Appointed Brother WILLIAM H. ZIEGLER, of Lodge No. 67, to serve as Bursar of the Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund, to fill vacancy caused by death.

January 16.—Appointed Brother SELIGMAN NETTER, of Lodge No. 419, a Trustee of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, to fill vacancy caused by death.

February 25. — Appointed Brother DAVID W. AMRAM, of Lodge No. 591, to serve as a Steward of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund, to fill vacancy caused by resignation.

May 11.—Appointed Brother GEORGE D. FEIDT, of Lodge No. 591, to serve as a Steward of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund, to fill vacancy caused by resignation.

June 1.—Appointed Brother JOHN YEO, of Lodge No. 211, to serve as a Steward of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund, to fill vacancy caused by death.

June 1.—Appointed Brother LEVI B. McCLEES, of Lodge No. 402, to serve as a Steward of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund, to fill vacancy caused by death.

September 2.—Appointed Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother GEORGE E. WAGNER, Chairman

of the Trustees of the Girard Bequest, to fill vacancy caused by death.

September 2.—Appointed Brother JAMES M. LAMBERTON, of Perseverance Lodge, No. 21, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, to fill vacancy caused by death.

September 2.—Appointed Brother MURDOCH KENDRICK, of University Lodge, No. 610, a member of the Committee on Correspondence.

September 2.—Appointed Brother WILLIAM HAHN MAXWELL, of Lodge No. 254, as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fortieth Masonic District, to fill vacancy caused by resignation.

September 8.—Appointed Brother ALTON L. MILLER, of Lodge No. 67, to serve as an Almoner of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, to fill vacancy caused by resignation.

October 5.—Appointed Brother HARRY WEINMANN, of Lodge No. 591, to serve as an Almoner of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, to fill vacancy caused by resignation.

NEW LODGES.

January 20, 1903.—By virtue of a dispensation, Brother JAMES W. BROWN, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, assisted by a number of Brethren acting as Grand Officers, constituted Donora Lodge, No. 626, at Donora, Washington County.

May 18.—By virtue of a dispensation, Brother JAMES W. BROWN, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand

Master, assisted by a number of Brethren acting as Grand Officers, constituted Mount Jewett Lodge, No. 627, at Mount Jewett, McKean County.

April 23.—Assisted by the Grand Officers, I constituted J. Simpson Africa Lodge, No. 628, at East Stroudsburg, Monroe County.

June 12.—Assisted by the Grand Officers, I constituted Harrisburg Lodge, No. 629, at Harrisburg, Dauphin County.

July 2.—By virtue of a dispensation, Brother JAMES W. BROWN, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, assisted by a number of Brethren acting as Grand Officers, constituted Doric Lodge, No. 630, at Sewickley, Allegheny County.

September 18.—Assisted by the Grand Officers, I constituted Colonial Lodge, No. 631, at Philadelphia.

December 19.—Assisted by the Grand Officers, I constituted Maclay Lodge, No. 632, at Sunbury, Northumberland County.

CORNER-STONES.

February 21, 1903.—Assisted by the Grand Officers, I laid the corner-stone of the new building of Lu Lu Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

May 4.—Issued a dispensation to Brother JAMES W. McDOWELL, District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-ninth Masonic District, to lay the corner-stone of the new school-house at Donora.

July 9.—Issued a dispensation to Brother WENTWORTH D. VEDDER, District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventeenth Masonic District, to lay the cornerstone of the new Masonic Hall at Westfield.

October 10.—Assisted by the Grand Officers, I laid the corner-stone of the new Home for Aged Veterans and their Wives, at Sixty-fifth and Vine Streets, Philadelphia.

EDICTS.

March 13, 1903.—Owing to error of Committee in reporting C. H. W. to be physically disqualified, I directed that the records of Grand Lodge be corrected, and granted permission to Lodge No. 391 to receive and act upon the petition.

March 20.—Directed the Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 507 to appoint a committee to audit the books of the Treasurer and the Secretary of the Lodge, they having never been audited since the constitution of the Lodge.

March 31.—Set aside the action of Lodge No. 373 in unlawfully suspending Brother B. F. P. for non-payment of dues.

March 31.—Set aside the action of Lodge No. 373 in unlawfully restoring Brother N. R. W. to membership.

May 4.—Directed Lodge No. 380 to confer the Master Mason's Degree upon Brothers J. T. G., W. C. K., and C. A. S.

July 9.—Directed the Worshipful Master of Lodge

No. 52 to install the Treasurer and the Secretary at their next stated meeting.

July 13.—Directed the Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 610 to strike from their roll of members, H. B. W., as no inquiry had been made of Lodge No. 400.

August 11.—Directed the Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 538 to change the name of C. A. P. on their roll of members to C. A. H.

August 18.—Declared the action of Lodge No. 227 unlawful in exonerating Brother J. Z. R. from payment of his share as surety for the Treasurer of the Lodge, and directed that immediate steps be taken to collect the same.

August 27. *Masonic Funerals.*—In the use of ribbon and the evergreen at Masonic funerals, it is proper to attach the ribbon to the coat lapel and carry the evergreen in the hand until the ceremony of depositing the evergreen in the grave has been reached, when the Brother should remove the ribbon, attach it to the evergreen, and drop both into the grave.

Past Masters' Jewels.—Notwithstanding the plain law on the subject that the jewels of the officers of Subordinate Lodges are of silver, and that the Past Masters' jewel is of silver, we find many Lodges presenting Past Masters with gold jewels, or part gold and part silver, and some even decorated with precious stones, all of which is contrary to our usages and customs; and henceforth no jewels except of silver may be purchased by Lodge funds, nor will a Worship-

ful Master permit a Past Master to attend meetings of the Lodge wearing other than the regulation jewel as described in the Ahiman Rezon.

Instruction of Candidates.—Too little attention is given by Worshipful Masters, and by Committees of Instruction, to the duty of instructing candidates before advancement, resulting in a lack of proficiency as required by law, and the object of this reference is to admonish against this evil, to insist that candidates be instructed, so that they be proficient; and the Worshipful Master must exact from the Committee of Instruction this information, or obtain it personally by an examination of the candidates before advancement. Failure to do this is sufficient cause for appeal to Grand Lodge from the action of a Worshipful Master.

Courtesy to District Deputy Grand Masters.—District Deputy Grand Masters are the immediate representatives of the Grand Master in their respective Districts, and when visiting the Lodges therein officially, every courtesy must be extended to them; and when entering or retiring from the Lodge-room, while the Lodge is at labor, the Worshipful Master shall raise the Lodge. This distinction, however, need not be shown when the District Deputy Grand Master visits other than his own District.

Names of Petitioners.—It is a well-known fact that in small towns and sparsely settled districts, the profane often learn the names of petitioners through the

printing-office force, and in case of rejection a hardship falls upon the petitioner, which it is our duty, so far as possible, to prevent ; and, to remedy the evil, I direct that, except in the counties of Philadelphia and Allegheny and where there is a Lodge membership of more than one hundred and fifty, the names of all petitioners for initiation and membership must be written or stamped, not printed, in the notice to members, by the Secretary of the Lodge, or by a Mason selected by him. The age, occupation, and residence may be printed, but the name must be inserted by a Mason, and the notice delivered under seal.

Letter "G."—The letter "G" forms no part of our Ceremony, is not a proper Lodge decoration, and must not appear on Lodge notices.

Visitors.—It is the duty of the Worshipful Master to admit all visitors, properly vouched for, unless objected to ; and, if an examination is requested, he should, within a reasonable hour after opening, appoint a committee to examine all who apply, and if they pass a satisfactory examination, every Lodge courtesy should be shown them.

Officers' Dress.—The dress of Lodge officers, elected and appointed, should be strictly Masonic, and where possible evening dress should be worn, while the Worshipful Master wears a modern silk hat. Carefulness in these matters will have its influence throughout all the ceremonies of the Lodge-room.

September 29.—Directed the Worshipful Master of

Lodge No. 589 to confer the remaining Degrees upon W. T. M. J.

October 7.—Declared unlawful the action taken by Lodge No. 508 in taking a ballot and rejecting W. H. S. before receiving report from the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary that there was nothing on the records against him, and declared the petition still pending before the Lodge.

October 13.—Permitted the action of Lodge No. 468 to stand in electing the officers for the year 1903 on November 28, 1902, instead of December 26, 1902.

October 13.—Declared the action of Lodge No. 241 unlawful and null and void in withdrawing a second petition after a favorable report, and directed that the petitioner stands rejected on first petition.

October 20.—Set aside the action of Lodge No. 521 in admitting to membership Brother W. W. I. without inquiry of the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary if there was anything upon the records against him.

DEATH.

During the year we lost by death three central figures in the activity of this Grand Lodge,—

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother SAMUEL C. PERKINS.

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother MICHAEL ARNOLD.

Grand Chaplain Reverend Brother JOHN S. J. MCCONNELL, D.D.

Special Communications of Grand Lodge were held to announce the death of the Past Grand Masters, at which the impressive Lodge burial service was conducted, while eulogies, eloquent, sincere, and impressive, were delivered and since published.

These we loved, and their sterling virtues we knew ; their noble characteristics it were well for us to emulate. They have left to us that splendid legacy,—the glories of their deeds and the influence of their brave words and generous acts. These can never die.

TEMPLE IMPROVEMENT.

The labor of the Committee on Temple goes steadily on, and, since our last Annual Communication, this beautiful Corinthian Hall in which we meet has undergone changes which we are given to understand ranks it equal, if not superior, to any Hall in the world for correctness as to architecture. The artist's brush carries us into Grecian mythology, meaningless to the average mind, and not particularly pleasing as to beauty, as viewed by a layman ; the furnishings, while substantial, might have been selected with more harmony of color, and thus escaped the criticism of the æsthetic, but we accept it all with good grace because the Chairman of the Committee says it is all right.

The rear of the main corridor has been converted into a reception-room, and when completed will be one of the most attractive rooms of our Temple ; its use will be mainly for the lady visitors to the Temple, thus

evidencing our thoughtfulness for their comfort though excluded from our ceremonies.

The south corridor is now a passage-way of beauty, and, together with the new Filbert Street entrance, adds much to the attractiveness of our Temple. The coat and hat room, where a thousand Brethren may be accommodated, is an appreciated improvement. The fire-proof room for the Secretaries and Recorders adds an element of safety for our records, as well as a convenient and comfortable room for the performance of their duty. I had hoped to announce a Museum Department in connection with the Library; a little longer time, however, must be given, when we hope to be liberally rewarded for our patience.

Our efficient Librarian, Brother GEORGE P. RUPP, in the mean time is adding daily to the Museum collection, and its value and interest will, I am sure, be a delightful surprise to all the Brethren.

Too much credit cannot be given Past Grand Master KELLY and each of the other members of the Committee on Temple for their untiring efforts to make this building a model of excellence in all its parts, and their labors will be remembered and appreciated when the actors themselves pass out from these halls forever.

ART ASSOCIATION.

With so many suitable places for the display of art, our thoughts naturally run to the Art Association, and, in a spirit of solicitation rather than criticism, urge

them to activity, and from the Brethren all over the Jurisdiction we solicit helpful co-operation, to the end that our walls may be covered with suitable paintings, and our hallways adorned by the sculptor's art.

MASONIC LITERATURE.

During the past two years I have frequently encouraged a greater interest in Masonic Literature, and entreated a study of the history of Freemasonry, since no institution presents so interesting and attractive a field for study and research.

Its history, its aims, and purposes should be familiar to every Craftsman who has laudable ambition; and to be a bright Mason it is requisite to be a reading one, be he ever so zealous and laborious in the practice of the ritual.

Masonry has ever been a patron of knowledge, and has deemed it not only a duty but a privilege to foster the liberal arts and sciences, and, as the handmaid of the Divine Teacher, has ever taught men to believe in the immortal doctrine of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

And now, my Brethren, the time is here when I must say "Amen, so mote it be;" I love this quaint old response; for more than a century has this Masonic saying been borne heavenward as incense, and the words will grow dearer to each of us as the sun of that land of rest begins to shed its lustre over the mountain-peaks which look upon a landscape where

weary footfalls are never heard, and tears and sighs are aliens.

My grateful thanks go out to all my Brethren of Grand Lodge for your cordial and cheerful support ; to my Brother Grand Officers and to the efficient District Deputy Grand Masters ; I recall with pride and much pleasure the many friendships and happy associations formed ; to the appointed Grand Officers, my most earnest thanks are due for the attention displayed in the discharge of their several duties ; and for the zeal and fidelity displayed by the various Committees and Trustees, I treasure the highest praise.

My heart's desire and prayer is that our Fraternity may grow in strength and unity ; that our counsels may be blessed with all wisdom, our officers endowed with all knowledge and zeal, and our Craftsmen with every perfect gift ; and, as we approach the East Gate and view the bright hills whereon rests the Eternal City of our God, where no longer shall we have use for level and plumb-line, trowel or gavel, compasses or square, helmet or sword ; where human weakness and human envy are unknown, and where the work of life will be tried by a juster Judge than here, may the hope of immortality be strong within us, and may each hear the welcome greeting, "Come, Thou blessed of my Father, and inherit the Kingdom prepared for thee from the foundation of the world."

So much of the minutes of the Quarterly Communication, held December 2, A.D. 1903, A.L. 5903, as relates to the election of Grand Officers was read.

The following-named Brethren were duly installed in their respective stations for the ensuing Masonic year in ancient and solemn form, were thrice proclaimed as such, and received the salutations of the Craft:

BRO. JAMES W. BROWN . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Master.</i>
" GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR. . .	<i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i>
" GEORGE B. ORLADY . . .	<i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i>
" CHARLES M. SWAIN . . .	<i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden.</i>
" THOMAS R. PATTON . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i>
" WILLIAM A. SINN . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i>

Brother W. HOLT APGAR, Most Worshipful Grand Master of New Jersey, and Brother JOSIAH W. EWAN, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of New Jersey, were pleased to visit Grand Lodge, and were received with the customary honors.

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother WILLIAM J. KELLY addressed Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother EDGAR A. TENNIS, and on behalf of the Brethren of this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge presented him with a Past Grand Master's Jewel.

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother EDGAR A. TENNIS, in fitting and appropriate remarks, received the Jewel and tendered his thanks for the beautiful gift.

On motion of Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother SAMUEL B. DICK, it was *Resolved*, That the Right Worshipful Grand Master be authorized to draw an order on the Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer for the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), to be forwarded to the Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 272, at Butler, Pennsylvania, for the relief of the typhoid fever sufferers at that place.

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother SAMUEL B. DICK offered the following, which was unanimously adopted :

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, at the close of the administration of Right Worshipful Grand Master Brother EDGAR A. TENNIS, desires to place on record its high appreciation of his earnest, faithful, and conscientious services to the Craft in this Jurisdiction ; therefore be it

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge tenders to Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother EDGAR A. TENNIS the esteem and fraternal affection which it entertains for him, and the sincere trust that the Grand Master of the Universe may bless and ever have him in his keeping.

Resolved, That a copy of this minute be suitably engrossed, signed by the Grand Officers, and presented to Right Worshipful Past Grand Master, Brother EDGAR A. TENNIS.

Brothers JAMES M. BEATTY, of Lodge No. 610, WILLIAM H. MANEELY, of Lodge No. 246, WILLIAM B. SMITH, of Lodge No. 610, CHARLES W. SPARHAWK, of Lodge No. 51, and HENRY DARRACH, of Lodge No. 51, offered the following Amendments to the Ahiman Rezon, which were laid over until the Quarterly Com-

munication, December next, in accordance with Article XXV., page 71, Ahiman Rezon.

3. Amend Article X., Section 1, by striking out \$10.00 and inserting in lieu thereof \$5.00, to read,—

“Dispensations to pass to the Chair, each . . . \$5.00”

6. And by striking out \$2.00 and inserting in lieu thereof \$1.00, to read,—

“Lodges meeting outside the City of Philadelphia, for
each initiation . . . \$1.00”

And by striking out \$1.00 and inserting in lieu thereof fifty (50) cents, to read,—

“For each member annually . . . \$0.50”

And by striking out \$2.00 and inserting in lieu thereof \$1.00, to read,—

“Lodges meeting in the city of Philadelphia, for each
initiation . . . \$1.00”

And by striking out the words “ten per cent.” and inserting in lieu thereof “five per cent.,” to read,—

“And five per cent. out of each Initiation Fee.”

And by striking out \$1.00 and inserting in lieu thereof fifty (50) cents, to read,—

“For each member annually . . . \$0.50”

And amend Section 2, Article X., by inserting after the words “seventy-five dollars (\$75),”—

“And for passing to the Chair for a less sum than five dollars (\$5.00).”

And after the words “forty dollars” (\$40) by inserting,—

“And for passing to the Chair for a less sum than five dollars (\$5.00).”

And after the words “thirty dollars (\$30)” by inserting,—

“And for passing to the Chair for a less sum than five dollars (\$5.00).”

ADDRESS OF THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL
GRAND MASTER.

Right Worshipful Grand Master Brother JAMES W. BROWN delivered the following address:

BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE :

By your unanimous vote I was elected Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging, for the ensuing year. In accepting this high station, and being installed as your Grand Master, I am deeply sensible of the great honor conferred upon me and profoundly impressed with the responsibility of the office.

I look back over the list of distinguished and able Brethren who have occupied the position before me, and their wise administration of office shall be the beacon lights to guide me in the performance of my duty.

I am satisfied that I receive from my distinguished predecessor the office of Grand Master when the Fraternity is at the height of its prosperity, prominence, and influence, and it shall be my care to foster, not only the prosperity of the Grand Lodge, but the Subordinate Lodges of our Jurisdiction as far as it is in my power, to keep the prominence which our Grand Lodge has attained among the Sister Grand Lodges of the world, and to exercise the influence of the Craft in those channels of Charity, Brotherly Love, and Fraternity which has brought us to the high eminence we

hold among the institutio of the world ; not forgetting the lessons which we teach of our dependence and faith in the Fatherhood of God.

It is not necessary for me at this time to review at length the history, the ethics, or the fundamental laws of our beloved Institution ; that has been most ably done by others who have preceded me.

I can only say that I am impressed with the antiquity of Freemasonry, the truths taught by the allegory of its traditions, and by the wisdom of the forefathers of the Craft who founded speculative or symbolic Freemasonry upon the structure of operative Masonry.

I therefore take the opportunity at this time to express my belief that any symbol which has been the heritage of the Craft should be kept sacred among our Usages, Customs, and Landmarks.

It is to be regretted that, in the great pressure of work and business of our Lodges, there has been less instruction on the symbols and the symbolic nature of the Craft than should be, and it is to be feared that succeeding generations may lose sight of many symbols that are the outposts and sentinels upon the road which lead to the altar of our faith and the Great Symbolic Light laid thereon.

The name of Free and Accepted Mason, carries upon its face the fact that it stands for Symbolic Masonry, the word Accepted meaning, as I understand it, accepted as a Symbolic Mason instead of an Operative Mason.

It is well at this time to say that while our sun stands at the zenith of our prosperity, and the world gives Freemasonry the place which it is entitled to, it is no part of our duty, or indeed agreeable to our ancient character, to allow any consideration of the effect of our actions upon the world at large, or the profane world, as our ancient Brethren would call it, to influence us in the slightest.

We must remember that the Keystone to the Arch of our foundations is secrecy, and we must forever hale and conceal most of our undertakings. I therefore deprecate the growing tendency of publishing to the world, through the public press, as much as can be allowed by an easy conscience of the proceedings of our Grand and Subordinate Lodges, and I am inclined to think that when an error is committed in judging what should or should not be published, it is generally made on the side of publicity.

Freemasonry needs no advertising, and we are solemnly bound to keep inviolate the proceedings of our Lodges, which are tyled against the eavesdropper and the profane. Neither does any man, no matter how exalted his station, how great his wealth or influence, or profound his learning, honor the Fraternity by his connection with it. We gladly welcome him to association with the Craft, if he from his own heart conceives the desire to become a Mason and agrees to conform to the ancient Usages, Customs, and Landmarks of our Fraternity. And while I fully understand the

prerogative of the Grand Master to make a Mason at sight or by virtue of his presence without the usual formalities or following the prescribed channels, I nevertheless feel that it is his duty, which he owes to himself and the Craft, not to exercise the right except upon the lines laid down by Masons in all ages.

It is in conformity to these ancient customs that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania so rigidly adheres to the rules on physical disqualifications.

We do not dispute the arguments in favor of making the rule less rigid; we only stand upon the broad principle that so we received it and so we will impart it.

I do not approve of Sunday sessions of Lodges; there can only be one excuse for a meeting of a Lodge on Sunday, and that would be to hold funeral services, but this need not always be, as in most cases meetings of the Lodge for funeral services could be held the day before and the Brethren meet at the Lodge-room at the time appointed for the funeral and form the procession for that purpose.

I would also call attention to the error of calling a Lodge meeting for funeral services a "Lodge of Sorrow;" a Lodge of Master Masons cannot hold a Lodge of Sorrow, as will be seen by reference to page 99 of the Proceedings of 1896.

By a resolution of Grand Lodge, held December 2, a committee of fifteen was ordered to consider a plan for the founding of a Masonic Home or Homes, under the fostering care and authority of Grand Lodge.

This project deserves the most careful consideration, that its most laudable design may result in the founding of an institution that will not only be a useful and thoroughly equipped Home, and a haven of refuge for the old and indigent Brethren, their wives, and the orphans of deceased Brethren, but one that will meet with the hearty approval and endorsement of the Craft throughout the Jurisdiction, and I am sure it will receive their generous contributions for its support.

It is intended to make this undertaking harmonize with the management of the present Masonic Home on Broad Street, Philadelphia, which has in the past done so much good to aged Brethren, and whose managers have displayed such great ability and business management of the affairs of the Institution.

I call attention to the growing tendency of allowing ladies at Banquets given solely for Master Masons. Agreeable and pleasant as we may find this custom, it should be indulged in with great care to eliminate everything pertaining to Lodge or fraternal matters, and must not be construed in any way as a Masonic function.

The authority and dignity of the Right Worshipful Grand Master is upheld by, and the dissemination of authorized Masonic knowledge is intrusted to, the District Deputy Grand Masters whom the Grand Master commends to the several Lodges in each District as his representatives, and entitled to the courtesy and honor due such a station.

It cannot be doubted that the present uniformity of work throughout this Jurisdiction and the general prosperity and harmony of the Craft are largely owing to the faithful and devoted services of the District Deputy Grand Masters in the past, and I rely on their generous efforts for the coming year.

I commend to the Brethren throughout the Jurisdiction our Schools of Instruction; they have proved their usefulness in the past, and the untiring, unselfish, and unrewarded efforts of the instructors are entitled to our highest thanks.

I have known their usefulness, and in the government of competent Brethren and keeping in touch with the Temple School of Instruction, where the teachings will be approved by the Grand Master, I should be glad to see the establishment of new Schools where there are sufficient Lodges and Brethren to warrant them.

As I enter upon my office as Grand Master, the decorations, alterations, and renovating of the Temple are nearing completion. I should be glad to comment at length on the work done and the decorations made with the assistance of the Art Association of the Temple, but I find it too great a subject to enter upon at this time.

There is much to admire in the adornment of the Temple, and, when completed, it will be, as it should be, the most elaborate and beautiful Masonic Home in the world; a fitting abiding-place for the Grand Lodge of this great Masonic Jurisdiction.

I commend the utterance of my predecessor on the subject of Lodges keeping late hours and fixing twelve o'clock midnight as the ultimate time for a Lodge meeting. I could add that promptness in opening the Lodge and watchfulness in despatching the business would help some of the Subordinate Lodges to overcome the want of time for the work of the Lodge.

Finally, I must add a few words of personal sorrow that during the past year death has claimed two distinguished, able, and devoted Freemasons, Brother Past Grand Master SAMUEL C. PERKINS and Brother Past Grand Master MICHAEL ARNOLD. I not only personally deeply regret their deaths, but I shall be sorry to lose the association, the advice, and assistance of their presence during the coming year.

Their eulogies have been well spoken in Grand Lodge, but all has not been said, nor can all be said, to fittingly express the honor, the reverence, and affection due their memories by this Grand Lodge.

It is my purpose to administer the affairs of this Masonic Jurisdiction upon the broad platform of our unchangeable laws, and the business of Grand Lodge with all due regard to economy, consistent with its dignity and high character. And to this end, I ask the assistance and co-operation of all my Brethren.

APPOINTMENTS.

Right Worshipful Grand Master Brother JAMES W. BROWN announced the following appointments for the present Masonic year :

Grand Chaplains:

- BRO. CORTLANDT WHITEHEAD, D.D., of Pittsburgh.
 “ JAMES W. ROBINS, D.D., of Philadelphia.
 “ CHARLES M. STOCK, D.D., of Hanover.
 “ J. GRAY BOLTON, D.D., of Philadelphia.
 “ GRAFTON T. REYNOLDS, of Pittsburgh.
 “ WILLIAM B. CHALFANT, D.D., of Stroudsburg.
 “ RICHARD H. WHARTON, of Tyrone.
 “ CHARLES H. BOND, of Philadelphia.
 “ GEO. W. MACLAUGHLIN, D.D., of Philadelphia.
 “ FRANK B. LYNCH, D.D., of Philadelphia.
 “ JOHN P. NORMAN, of Monongahela City.
 “ EDWARD G. LOUGHRY, D.D., of Uniontown.
 “ JOHN P. W. BLATTENBERGER, D.D., of Philadelphia.
 “ SAMUEL P. KELLY, of Philadelphia.
 “ EDGAR COPE, of Philadelphia.

Senior Grand Deacon:

BRO. JOHN L. KINSEY.

Junior Grand Deacon:

BRO. SIMON B. CAMERON.

Grand Stewards:

BRO. ALFRED E. BURNAFORD.
 “ FRANCESCO B. GILBERT.

Grand Marshal:

BRO. WILLIAM J. DIEHL.

Grand Sword Bearer:

BRO. DAVID F. COLLINGWOOD.

Grand Pursuivant:

BRO. CHARLES S. BAIR.

Grand Tyler:

BRO. SAMUEL W. WRAY.

Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund:

BRO. JOHN S. STEVENS.

“ STOCKTON BATES.

“ JOHN R. FANSHAW.

“ JESSE J. BARKER.

“ STEPHEN GREENE.

Trustees of the Girard Bequest:

BRO. GEORGE E. WAGNER, R. W. Past Grand Master.

“ JOHN L. THOMSON.

“ ALEXANDER H. MORGAN.

“ CHARLES K. FRANCIS.

“ EDWARD PERRY.

Trustees of the Title to the Masonic Temple and other Real Estate of Grand Lodge:

BRO. GEORGE S. GRAHAM.

“ S. KINGSTON McCAY.

“ GEORGE T. OLIVER.

“ GEORGE W. SPIESE.

“ H. OSCAR KLINE.

Trustees of the Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund:

BRO. WILLIAM J. KELLY, R. W. Past Grand Master.

“ PETER BOYD.

“ JAMES M. LAMBERTON.

“ EDMUND D. SCHOLEY.

“ THOMAS R. PATTON, JR.

Trustees of the Stephen Taylor Bequest:

BRO. HENRY Z. ZIEGLER.

“ SAMUEL W. WRAY.

“ THEODORE E. WIEDERSHEIM.

“ GEORGE W. HALL, Lodge No. 121.

“ HENRY W. SMITH.

Trustees of the Charles Jackson McClary Memorial Funds:

BRO. THOMAS R. PATTON, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

“ GEORGE E. WAGNER, R. W. Past Grand Master.

“ PETER BOYD.

“ LOUIS WAGNER.

“ EDWIN S. STUART.

Commissioners of Sinking Fund:

BRO. MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON, R. W. Past Grand Master.

“ SAMUEL B. DICK, R. W. Past Grand Master.

“ HENRY M. DECHERT.

“ ATWOOD SMITH.

“ DANIEL BAIRD, JR.

Committee on Landmarks:

BRO. SAMUEL B. DICK, R. W. Past Grand Master.

“ CONRAD B. DAY, R. W. Past Grand Master.

“ MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON, R. W. Past Grand Master.

“ WILLIAM J. KELLY, R. W. Past Grand Master.

“ GEORGE E. WAGNER, R. W. Past Grand Master.

“ EDGAR A. TENNIS, R. W. Past Grand Master.

WITH THE R. W. GRAND MASTER and

R. W. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

Committee on Appeals:

- BRO. WILLIAM B. HACKENBURG.
 “ WILLIAM B. HANNA.
 “ GEORGE W. GUTHRIE.
 “ ABRAHAM M. BEITLER.
 “ JAMES H. CODDING.

Committee on Finance:

- BRO. CONRAD B. DAY, R. W. Past Grand Master.
 “ AZARIAH W. HOOPES.
 “ MAX RIEBENACK.
 “ EZRA S. BARTLETT.
 “ FRANK M. HIGHLEY.

Committee on Correspondence:

- BRO. JAMES M. LAMBERTON.
 “ LEE S. SMITH.
 “ OWEN M. COPELIN.
 “ WILLIAM N. SEIBERT.
 “ MURDOCH KENDRICK.

Committee on By-Laws:

- BRO. CHARLES CARY.
 “ JAMES S. BARBER.
 “ CHARLES F. WIGNALL.
 “ JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON.
 “ SYLVESTER S. GARWOOD.

Committee on Printing and Publishing:

- BRO. M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ.
 “ WILLIAM H. BELLOWS.
 “ WALTER SCOTT.
 “ FREDERICK CONSTANTINE.
 “ EDWARD A. STOCKTON.

Committee on Temple:

- BRO. WILLIAM J. KELLY, R. W. Past Grand Master.
 “ HIBBERT P. JOHN.
 “ JAMES B. DUFFY.
 “ G. ELLWOOD WAGNER.
 “ Z. TAYLOR RICKARDS.

Committee on Library:

- BRO. LOUIS WAGNER.
 “ I. LAYTON REGISTER.
 “ THOMAS S. STOUT.
 “ GILBERT L. LENTZ.
 “ WILLIAM D. McILROY.
 “ SAMUEL W. LATTA.
 “ CHARLES L. LOCKWOOD.

District Deputy Grand Masters:

- 1.—Brother JOHN W. LANSINGER, of Millersville, for
 Lodges Nos. 43, 156, 417, 476, 496, 551, and 587 in
 Lancaster County.
- 2.—Brother WILLIAM L. GORGAS, of Harrisburg, for
 the County of Dauphin, and that part of the County
 of Northumberland east and south of the Susque-
 hanna River, and Lodge No. 226 in Lebanon County.
- 3.—Brother SAMUEL M. GOODYEAR, of Carlisle, for
 the Counties of Cumberland, Franklin (except
 Lodge No. 586), and Fulton.
- 4.—Brother GEORGE H. SHIRK, of Hanover, for
 Lodges Nos. 336 and 465 in Adams County, and for
 Lodges Nos. 348 and 423 in York County and Lodge
 No. 586 in Franklin County.

- 5.—Brother DAVID H. WEAVER, of Coatesville, for Lodges Nos. 309, 322, 340, 343, 383, 405, 564, and 569 in Chester County.
- 6.—Brother THADDEUS S. ADLE, of Norristown, for Lodges Nos. 190, 273, 310, 420, 558, and 620 in Montgomery County and Lodge No. 581 in Delaware County.
- 7.—Brother ADAM H. SCHMEHL, of Reading, for the Counties of Berks and Lebanon, except Lodge No. 226.
- 8.—Brother CHARLES S. VANDEGRIFT, of Eddington, for the County of Bucks, and for Lodges Nos. 308, 400, and 410 in Montgomery County.
- 9.—Brother WILLIAM M. SEMPLE, of Easton, for the Counties of Northampton and Monroe.
- 10.—Brother JOHN J. HITTLE, of Allentown, for the Counties of Carbon and Lehigh, and Lodge No. 327 in Luzerne County.
- 11.—Brother MATTHEW M. MACMILLAN, of Mahanoy City, for the County of Schuylkill.
- 12.—Brother WILLIAM D. WHITE, of Wilkesbarre, for the County of Luzerne (except Lodge No. 327), and for Lodge No. 462 in Columbia County.
- 13.—Brother THOMAS F. WELLS, of Scranton, for the County of Lackawanna, and Lodge No. 341 in Wyoming County.
- 14.—Brother WILLIAM H. HULSIZER, of Honesdale, for the Counties of Wayne and Pike.

- 15.—Brother WILLIAM J. DAY, of Great Bend, for the County of Susquehanna, and Lodge No. 438 in Wyoming County.
- 16.—Brother JAMES WILSON PIATT, of Tunkhannock, for the Counties of Bradford and Sullivan, and Lodges Nos. 248 and 263 in Wyoming County.
- 17.—Brother WENTWORTH D. VEDDER, of Mansfield, for the County of Tioga.
- 18.—Brother JAMES A. PUGH, of Williamsport, for the Counties of Lycoming and Union, and for Lodge No. 401 in Northumberland County.
- 19.—Brother EZRA C. DOTY, of Mifflintown, for the Counties of Perry, Juniata, and Mifflin.
- 20.—Brother BOYD G. STEEL, of Altoona, for the County of Blair.
- 21.—Brother WILSON I. FLEMING, of Bellefonte, for the Counties of Centre and Clearfield, and for Lodge No. 534 in Jefferson County.
- 22.—Brother SOLOMON R. DRESSER, of Bradford, for the Counties of Potter and McKean (except Lodge No. 566).
- 23.—Brother WILLIAM F. CULLIS, of Oil City, for the Counties of Warren, Forrest, and Venango (except Lodge No. 552).
- 24.—Brother DAVID A. SAWDEY, of Erie, for the County of Erie.

- 25.—Brother ADRIAN W. McCOY, of Meadville, for the County of Crawford.
- 26.—Brother WALTER D. CLARK, of New Castle, for the Counties of Mercer and Lawrence (except Lodge No. 411).
- 27.—Brother WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, of Kittanning, for the Counties of Armstrong, Butler, Clarion, and Jefferson (except Lodges Nos. 429, 437, and 534), and for Lodge No. 552 in Venango County.
- 28.—Brother WILLIAM M. HAMILTON, of Pittsburgh, for that part of the County of Allegheny south of the Allegheny and Ohio Rivers (except Lodges Nos. 375, 510, 526, 548, 582, 583, 590, 612, and 613).
- 29.—Brother JAMES W. McDOWELL, of Washington, for the Counties of Washington and Green.
- 30.—Brother JOHN S. SELL, of Greensburg, for the County of Westmoreland (except Lodge No. 617).
- 31.—Brother JOHN D. CARR, of Uniontown, for the County of Fayette.
- 32.—Brother GEORGE H. QUAILL, of Bellevue, for that part of the County of Allegheny north of the Allegheny and Ohio Rivers.
- 33.—Brother JAMES HARRIS MUSSINA, of Lock Haven, for the Counties of Clinton, Elk, and Cameron, and for Lodge No. 566 in McKean County.
- 34.—Brother WILLIAM L. JOHNSTON, of Huntingdon, for the Counties of Huntingdon and Bedford.

- 35.—Brother JOHN W. FARNSWORTH, of Danville, for the Counties of Montour, Snyder, and Columbia (except Lodge No. 462), and for Lodges Nos. 256 and 404 in Northumberland County.
- 36.—Brother JOHN D. GOFF, of Chester, for the County of Delaware (except Lodge No. 581), and for Lodges Nos. 353, 475, and 545 in Chester County.
- 37.—Brother FRANK C. O'ROURKE, of New Brighton, for the County of Beaver, and for Lodge No. 429 in Butler County and Lodge No. 411 in Lawrence County.
- 38.—Brother SAMUEL HAMILTON, of Braddock, for Lodges Nos. 375, 510, 526, 548, 582, 583, 590, 612, and 613 in Allegheny County south of the Allegheny and Ohio Rivers.
- 39.—Brother WILLIAM S. DAUGHERTY, of Indiana, for the County of Indiana, and for Lodge No. 617 in Westmoreland County and Lodge No. 437 in Armstrong County.
- 40.—Brother WILLIAM HAHN MAXWELL, of Pottstown, for Lodges Nos. 254, 585, and 595 in Montgomery County and Lodges Nos. 75, 446, and 553 in Chester County.
- 41.—Brother JOHN J. JONES, of Johnstown, for the Counties of Cambria and Somerset.
- 42.—Brother RICHARD E. COCHRAN, of York, for Lodges Nos. 266, 451, and 503 in York County and Lodges Nos. 286 and 398 in Lancaster County.

Brother WILLIAM B. JOSLYN, of Philadelphia,
Instructor of Work.

Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund:

BROTHER	WILLIAM D. SHUSTER . .	Lodge No.	2
"	JOSEPH J. WILLIAMS . .	"	3
"	GEORGE WENNER . . .	"	9
"	WILLIAM H. GARDNER .	"	19
"	JOHN M. ZOOK	"	51
"	ROBERT W. FAGAN . . .	"	52
"	AMOS H. HALL	"	59
"	ALTON L. MILLER . . .	"	67
"	JAMES BAWN	"	71
"	THOMAS J. BELVILLE .	"	72
"	WILLIAM C. MACKIE . .	"	81
"	ALBERT H. LADNER . .	"	91
"	DAVID W. STEWART . .	"	114
"	JOHN W. WALLACE . . .	"	115
"	ROBERT SCOTT	"	121
"	AUGUST GEISSEL . . .	"	125
"	JAMES LANING	"	126
"	ROBERT A. ARTHUR . .	"	130
"	HENRY D. McCARTHY .	"	131
"	ROBERT C. STRAFFORD .	"	134
"	SAMUEL I. GIVIN . . .	"	135
"	GEORGE TURNER . . .	"	155
"	WALTER RYAN	"	158
"	JAMES M. WEST	"	186
"	ROBERT T. GILL	"	187
"	GEORGE F. POWELL . .	"	211
"	WILLIAM H. McKEE . .	"	230
"	SYLVESTER S. GARWOOD .	"	246
"	FRANKLIN COGGINS . .	"	271
"	EDGAR S. LOUGEE . . .	"	274
"	WILLIAM J. BARR . . .	"	289
"	HARVEY MILLER	"	292
"	EDW. W. KUHLEMEIER .	"	295
"	LINCOLN E. LEEDS . . .	"	296

BROTHER	AUGUST L. WEISE . . .	Lodge No. 359
"	FREDERIC PAUL SHER .	" 368
"	HENRY KENGOTT . . .	" 369
"	JOHN McKINNEY . . .	" 380
"	A. LINCOLN ACKER . .	" 384
"	WILLIAM J. DIVINE . .	" 385
"	ADOLPHUS G. BUVINGER	" 386
"	WILLIAM H. WEBB . . .	" 393
"	FRANK M. HIGHLEY . .	" 402
"	JOHN F. RAU	" 419
"	FRANK P. MASON . . .	" 432
"	CHAS. G. CADWALLADER .	" 436
"	WILLIAM J. MILLIGAN .	" 441
"	ANDREW S. SMITH . . .	" 444
"	WILLIAM H. SIVEL . . .	" 449
"	J. GEORGE COPE	" 450
"	CHARLES A. WEIDEMANN	" 453
"	CHARLES W. CARNS, JR. .	" 456
"	HARMON JOHNSON . . .	" 470
"	GEORGE S. COYNE . . .	" 481
"	THOMAS F. GROSS . . .	" 482
"	THOMAS W. BEARDWOOD	" 487
"	T. HERBERT ONYX . . .	" 491
"	ALONZO P. CUNDEY . .	" 493
"	CHARLES S. CLARK . .	" 500
"	MATTHIAS COATS . . .	" 506
"	SAMUEL LAMOND . . .	" 519
"	MILTON A. NEFF	" 527
"	WILLIAM A. PATTERSON .	" 528
"	ISAIAH T. BOSSERT . .	" 529
"	ELIJAH TAYLOR	" 543
"	BENJAMIN B. OSBORN .	" 591
"	CHARLES MERZ	" 600
"	JOHN F. ABBOTT . . .	" 605
"	J. P. W. BLATTENBERGER	" 606
"	PAUL J. PONTIUS . . .	" 607

BROTHER	FRANK JARRETT . . .	Lodge No. 609
"	GEORGE W. KENDRICK, 3D	" 610
"	JOSEPH B. ALLOWAY . .	" 624
"	SAMUEL W. LATTA . . .	" 631

Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund:

BROTHER	WILLIAM H. SHOEMAKER	Lodge No. 2
"	JOHN B. ALLEN . . .	" 3
"	JOSEPH B. EMSLEY . .	" 9
"	HENRY C. WATT . . .	" 19
"	JOHN C. CORNELIUS . .	" 51
"	B. NORMAN TUTTLE . .	" 52
"	J. THOMAS MOORE . . .	" 59
"	ADOLPH HAUG . . .	" 67
"	SAMUEL HARRISON . .	" 71
"	CHARLES E. ROBERTS .	" 72
"	WALTER BOWDITCH . .	" 81
"	GEORGE L. RAPP . . .	" 91
"	THOMAS JACOBS . . .	" 114
"	WILLIAM D. GARITEE . .	" 115
"	SAMUEL B. CHAPMAN .	" 121
"	AUGUST GEISSEL, JR. .	" 125
"	I. ROBERTS NEWKIRK .	" 126
"	I. NEWTON ROBERTS . .	" 130
"	LEWIS McMAKIN . . .	" 131
"	FRANK H. GARDINER . .	" 134
"	EDWARD T. ALBURGER .	" 135
"	MILLER BROWN . . .	" 155
"	EDWARD A. STOCKTON .	" 158
"	BARCLAY J. WOOWARD .	" 186
"	GEORGE W. KELLY . . .	" 187
"	JOHN YEO	" 211
"	JAS. W. R. WASHINGTON	" 230
"	WILLIAM H. MANEELY .	" 246
"	SAMUEL DAVIS	" 271

BROTHER	HARRY K. LEECH . . .	Lodge No. 274
"	SAMUEL J. BREDIN . . .	" 289
"	JOHN BURNS	" 292
"	BENJAMIN HAYLLAR . . .	" 295
"	JAMES R. KENDRICK . . .	" 296
"	F. C. CHARLES STROH . . .	" 359
"	GEORGE W. WILGUS . . .	" 368
"	FRANK E. TOWNSEND . . .	" 369
"	EDWARD J. NOWLAND . . .	" 380
"	WILLIAM T. ABRAMS . . .	" 384
"	CHARLES SUMMERFIELD . . .	" 385
"	GEORGE DIXON	" 386
"	WESLEY FENIMORE . . .	" 393
"	LEVI B. McCLEES	" 402
"	WILLIAM A. RHOADS . . .	" 419
"	HENRY G. BRUNER	" 432
"	G. SICKEL HEADMAN . . .	" 436
"	SAMUEL CAMPBELL	" 441
"	EDWARD L. PERKINS . . .	" 444
"	CHARLES C. HALL	" 449
"	GEORGE W. MORRIS	" 450
"	JOHN C. VARWIG	" 453
"	WILLIAM J. ATTWOOD . . .	" 456
"	RICHARD COPE	" 470
"	THOMAS A. HARRIS	" 481
"	MARTIN EVOY	" 482
"	WM. H. SHENEMAN, JR. . .	" 487
"	JOHN W. KOONS	" 491
"	B. FRANK SCHOLL	" 493
"	WALTER SCOTT	" 500
"	CHARLES R. SHOEMAKER . . .	" 506
"	CHARLES C. JUDD	" 519
"	ALVA F. TOD	" 527
"	ARTHUR A. MUTH	" 528
"	JOSEPH GLADING	" 529
"	GEORGE W. LYSTER	" 543

BROTHER	GEORGE D. FEIDT . . .	Lodge No. 591
"	FREDERICK MERZ . . .	" 600
"	SAMUEL F. CLEVENGER .	" 605
"	ALEXANDER J. H. MACKIE	" 606
"	MARVIN M. EAVENSON .	" 607
"	GEORGE W. HOBSON . .	" 609
"	GEORGE HALE	" 610
"	RICHARD R. ANDERSON .	" 624
"	DANIEL W. NEAD . . .	" 631

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BROTHER	SAMUEL H. RHOADS . .	Lodge No. 2
"	HARRY I. McINTYRE, JR.	" 3
"	WILLIAM M. WALDECK .	" 9
"	MILTON K. NIEFFER . .	" 19
"	EUGENE T. LINNARD . .	" 51
"	JOHN H. GEIL	" 52
"	JOHN P. MACBEAN . . .	" 59
"	WILLIAM B. BICKER . .	" 67
"	WILLIAM H. HILSEE . .	" 71
"	THEODORE EVANS . . .	" 72
"	JOHN ROBINSON	" 81
"	GEORGE W. SEELER . .	" 91
"	MELVILLE B. PARKER .	" 114
"	JEROME B. JARDELLA .	" 115
"	WM. HASSALL WILSON .	" 121
"	GEORGE R. J. BURGERT .	" 125
"	WILLIAM J. McKEE . .	" 126
"	WILLIAM B. MORISON .	" 130
"	ROBERT J. CAMPBELL .	" 131
"	SAMUEL O. STOKES . .	" 134
"	ISAIAH T. RYAN	" 135
"	CHARLES PFLAUM . . .	" 155
"	CHARLES H. BOWEN . .	" 158
"	J. HARRY LEWIS . . .	" 186

BROTHER	DAVID T. DAVIES . . .	Lodge No. 187
"	SAMUEL ABEL . . .	" 211
"	JOHN E. CHRISTIAN . .	" 230
"	HENRI C. KING . . .	" 246
"	SAMUEL K. LOUCHHEIM .	" 271
"	MICHAEL YOUNG . . .	" 274
"	JAMES TAITT	" 289
"	WILLIAM H. WEISS . . .	" 292
"	JOHN E. CHEESEMAN . .	" 295
"	WALTER JONES	" 296
"	HERMAN ALLMARAS . . .	" 359
"	J. PARKER CRITTENDEN	" 368
"	JOHN MOSER	" 369
"	HORACE F. WHITMAN . .	" 380
"	HENRY A. GENTNER . . .	" 384
"	P. FRAILEY WELLS . . .	" 385
"	WILLIAM A. WITHERUP .	" 386
"	CHARLES CRANE, JR. . .	" 393
"	RICHARD MARIS	" 402
"	JULIUS E. BLAMBERG . .	" 419
"	JOHN FETCH	" 432
"	FRANK C. HEADMAN . . .	" 436
"	GEORGE H. MARCY . . .	" 441
"	EDWIN H. TAGGART . . .	" 444
"	WILLIAM G. GREEBY . . .	" 449
"	JOSEPH BUTLER	" 450
"	EDWARD SINGLES	" 453
"	WILLIAM McCOACH . . .	" 456
"	PAUL S. KEELER	" 470
"	CHARLES H. BRELSFORD	" 481
"	WILLIAM H. WALTER . . .	" 482
"	WILLIAM L. MEGARY . . .	" 487
"	LEWIS W. METZGER . . .	" 491
"	ROBERT F. MUSTIN, JR. .	" 493
"	WM. F. ENGLEHART, JR.	" 500
"	EDWIN M. THOMAS . . .	" 506

BROTHER	CHRISTIAN BIEDERBECK	Lodge No. 519
"	FRED. W. SCHAEFER . .	" 527
"	JAMES McCONNELL . .	" 528
"	WALTER E. BRAND . . .	" 529
"	JOHN S. CALLAGHAN . .	" 543
"	WILLARD E. BARCUS . .	" 591
"	WARREN T. RAWSON . .	" 600
"	WILLIAM H. ABBOTT . .	" 605
"	ADAM P. WITTEMAN . .	" 606
"	WILLIAM C. NEELY . . .	" 607
"	FREDERICK G. EGGART .	" 609
"	A. HOWARD THOMAS . .	" 610
"	WILLIAM S. WRAY . . .	" 624
"	EDWIN C. TOWN	" 631

The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary appointed Brother JOHN A. PERRY Deputy Grand Secretary, which was approved by Grand Lodge.

Brother W. HOLT APGAR, Most Worshipful Grand Master of New Jersey, addressed Grand Lodge.

Brother JOSIAH W. EWAN, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of New Jersey, addressed Grand Lodge.

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother CONRAD B. DAY, of Lodge No. 52, and Brother JOSEPH WELCH, of Lodge No. 295, offered the following amendments to the Ahiman Rezon, which were laid over until the Quarterly Communication, December next, in accordance with Article XXV., page 71, Ahiman Rezon.

WHEREAS, There appears to be a desire on the part of some of the Brethren of Grand Lodge for the establishment of a

Home or Homes, under the jurisdiction and maintenance of Grand Lodge; and

WHEREAS, We believe that true Masonic Charity is that which is paid for by our own money, and not by other people's money or that borrowed for the occasion; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Article X. of the Ahiman Rezon be amended by adding to Section 1 :

7. From and after St. John's Day, December 27, 1904, there shall be levied a per capita tax of fifty cents per member upon all the Lodges in this Jurisdiction, to be collected as dues and fees are now collected, and to be known as the Masonic Home Fund.

8. At the end of the first year after this amendment shall have become operative the funds then collected, and thereafter as the same shall be collected, shall be paid over to a Board of Trustees, to be appointed by the Grand Master, to be known as the Trustees of the Masonic Home Fund. Said Trustees shall invest and reinvest said money, until the fund on hand is sufficient to justify the establishment of a Home by purchase or erection, which shall be done under such rules and regulations as may hereafter be enacted by Grand Lodge.

9. The tax hereby levied shall be continued for the support and maintenance of said Home, after it shall have been established, until other arrangements therefor shall be made by Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 1 o'clock 15 minutes P.M.

William A. Sinn
Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX.

LIST OF LODGES ARRANGED ALPHABETICALLY ACCORDING TO PLACES OF MEETING.

PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.	NAME.	No.
Albion	No. 24.....	Western Star	304
Allegheny	" 32.....	Allegheny	223
"	" 32.....	Jefferson	288
"	" 32.....	McKinley	318
"	" 32.....	Davage	374
"	" 32.....	Stuckrath	430
"	" 32.....	Ionic	525
Allentown	" 10.....	Barger	333
"	" 10.....	Greenleaf	561
Altoona	" 20.....	Mountain	281
"	" 20.....	Logan	490
"	" 20.....	Hiram	616
Apollo	" 39.....	Apollo	437
Ardmore	" 6.....	Cassia	273
Ashland	" 11.....	Ashland	294
Ashley	" 12.....	Coalville	474
Athens	" 16.....	Rural Amity	70
Austin	" 22.....	Arcana	580
Bangor	" 9.....	Bangor	565
Bath	" 9.....	Manoquesy	413
Beallsville	" 29.....	Beallsville	237
Beaver	" 37.....	St. James	457
Beaver Falls	" 37.....	Beaver Valley	478
Bedford	" 34.....	Bedford	320
Bellefonte	" 21.....	Bellefonte	268
Bellevue	" 32.....	Bellevue	530
Berwick	" 12.....	Knapp	462
Bethlehem	" 9.....	Bethlehem	283
Birdsboro'	" 7.....	Union	479
Blairsville	" 39.....	Acacia	355
Bloomsburg	" 35.....	Washington	265
Blossburg	" 17.....	Bloss	350
Braddock	" 38.....	Braddock's Field	510

PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.	NAME.	No.
Bradford	No. 22.....	Union	334
Bristol	" 8.....	Bristol	25
Brookville	" 27.....	Hobah	276
Brownsville	" 31.....	Brownsville	60
Burgettstown	" 29.....	Richard Vaux	454
Butler	" 27.....	Butler	272
Cambridge Springs	" 25.....	Covenant	473
Canonsburg	" 29.....	Chartiers	297
Canton	" 16.....	Canton	415
Carbondale	" 13.....	Carbondale	249
Carlisle	" 3.....	Cumberland Star	197
"	" 3.....	St. John's	260
Carnegie	" 28.....	Centennial	544
Catasauqua	" 10.....	Porter	284
Catawissa	" 35.....	Catawissa	349
Centre Hall	" 21.....	Old Fort	537
Chambersburg	" 3.....	George Washington	143
Charleroi	" 29.....	Charleroi	615
Chester	" 36.....	Chester	236
"	" 36.....	Lucius H. Scott	352
Chestnut Hill, Philadel- phia	Grand Master.....	Hiram	81
Chicora	No. 27.....	Argyle	540
Christiana	" 1.....	Christiana	417
Clarion	" 27.....	Clarion	277
Clark's Summit	" 13.....	Waverly	301
Claysville	" 29.....	Claysville	447
Clearfield	" 21.....	Clearfield	314
Coal Centre	" 29.....	Monongahela Valley	461
Coalport	" 21.....	Coalport	574
Coatesville	" 5.....	Goddard	383
"	" 5.....	Coatesville	564
Cochranville	" 5.....	Skerrett	343
Columbia	" 42.....	Columbia	286
Columbus	" 23.....	Columbus	264
Concordville	" 36.....	Concord	625
Conneautville	" 25.....	Western Crawford	258
Connellsville	" 31.....	King Solomon	346
Conshohocken	" 6.....	Fritz	420
Coopersburg	" 10.....	Saucon	469
Corry	" 24.....	Corry	365
Coudersport	" 22.....	Eulalia	342
Cressona	" 11.....	Cressona	426
Curwensville	" 21.....	Noble	480

PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.	NAME.	No.
Dallas	No. 12.....	George M. Dallas	531
Danville	" 35.....	Danville	224
"	" 35.....	Mahoning	516
Dawson	" 31.....	James Cochran	614
Derry Station	" 30.....	La Monte	568
Donora	" 29.....	Donora	626
Downingtown	" 5.....	Williamson	309
Doylestown	" 8.....	Doylestown	245
Driftwood	" 33.....	Driftwood	532
Dubois	" 21.....	Garfield	559
Duke Centre	" 22.....	Northern Star	555
Dunmore	" 13.....	King Solomon	584
East Greenville	" 40.....	Perkiomen	595
Easton	" 9.....	Easton	152
"	" 9.....	Dallas	396
East Smithfield	" 16.....	Smithfield	428
East Stroudsburg	" 9.....	J. Simpson Africa	628
Ebensburg	" 41.....	Summit	312
Edenburg, Knox P. O.	" 27.....	Edenburg	550
Edinboro'	" 24.....	Oasis	416
Eldred	" 22.....	Eldred	560
Elizabeth	" 38.....	Stephen Bayard	526
Ellwood City	" 26.....	Ellwood	599
Elysburg	" 2.....	Elysburg	414
Emlenton	" 27.....	Allegheny Valley	552
Emporium	" 33.....	Emporium	382
Enon Valley	" 37.....	Meridian	411
Erie	" 24.....	Tyrian	362
"	" 24.....	Perry	392
"	" 24.....	Keystone	455
Everett	" 34.....	Everett	524
Factoryville	" 13.....	Factoryville	341
Falls of Schuylkill, Phila- delphia	Grand Master.....	Palestine	470
Fayette City	No. 31.....	Gummert	252
Forest City	" 15.....	Forest City	439
Fort Washington	" 8.....	Fort Washington	308
Frankford, Philadelphia, Grand Master.....		Frankford	292
Frankford, Philadelphia, Grand Master.....		Jerusalem	506
Frankford, Philadelphia, Grand Master.....		Radiant Star	606

PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.	NAME.	No.
Franklin	No. 23.....	Myrtle	316
Freeland	" 12.....	Arbutus	611
Freeport	" 27.....	Armstrong	239
Galeton	" 22.....	Galeton	602
Germantown, Philadelphia, Grand Master.....		Mitchell	296
Germantown, Philadelphia, Grand Master.....		Henry W. Williams	624
Gettysburg	No. 4.....	Good Samaritan	336
Girard	" 24.....	Lake Erie	347
Great Bend	" 15.....	Great Bend	338
Greencastle	" 3.....	Mount Pisgah	443
Greensburg	" 30.....	Philanthropy	225
"	" 30.....	Westmoreland	518
Green Tree Station	" 5.....	Thomson	340
Greenville	" 26.....	Eureka	290
Grove City	" 26.....	Grove City	603
Hamburg	" 7.....	Vaux	406
Hamlinton	" 14.....	Salem	330
Hanover	" 4.....	Patmos	348
Harrisburg	" 2.....	Perseverance	21
"	" 2.....	Robert Burns	464
"	" 2.....	Harrisburg	629
Harrison Valley	" 22.....	Adelphia	592
Hatboro'	" 8.....	W. K. Bray	410
Hawley	" 14.....	Hawley	305
Hazleton	" 10.....	Hazle	327
Hellertown	" 9.....	Hellertown	563
Holidaysburg	" 20.....	Portage	220
"	" 20.....	Juniata	282
Homestead	" 38.....	Homestead	582
Honesdale	" 14.....	Honesdale	218
Honeybrook	" 5.....	Howell	405
Hop Bottom	" 15.....	Harford	445
Huntingdon	" 34.....	Mount Moriah	300
Hyndman	" 34.....	Hyndman	589
Indiana	" 39.....	Indiana	313
Irwin	" 30.....	Shidle	601
Jackson	" 15.....	Freedom	328
Jamestown	" 26.....	Adelphic	424
Jenkintown	" 8.....	Friendship	400

PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.	NAME.	No.
Jermyn	No. 13.....	Aurora	523
Jersey Shore	" 18.....	La Belle Vallée	232
Johnstown	" 41.....	Cambria	278
"	" 41.....	Johnstown	538
Kane	" 33.....	Kane	566
Kennett Square	" 36.....	Kennett	475
Kensington, Philadelphia, Grand Master.....		Kensington	211
Kensington, Philadelphia, Grand Master.....		Richmond	230
Kensington, Philadelphia, Grand Master.....		Gothic	519
Kingston	No. 12.....	Kingston	395
Kittanning	" 27.....	Kittanning	244
Knoxville	" 17.....	Cowanesque	351
Kutztown	" 7.....	Huguenot	377
Laceyville	" 16.....	Franklin	263
Lancaster	" 1.....		43
"	" 1.....	Lamberton	476
Lansdale	" 6.....	Shiloh	558
Latrobe	" 30.....	Loyalhanna	275
Lebanon	" 2.....	Mount Lebanon	226
Leechburg	" 27.....	Leechburg	577
Lehighon	" 10.....	Lehighon	621
Le Raysville	" 16.....	Le Ray	471
Lewisburg	" 18.....	Charity	144
Lewistown	" 19.....	Lewistown	203
Ligonier	" 30.....	Ligonier	331
Linesville	" 25.....	Pine	498
Lock Haven	" 33.....	La Fayette	199
McDonald	" 29.....	Garfield	604
McKeesport	" 38.....	Alliquippa	375
"	" 38.....	Youghiogeny	583
McVeytown	" 19.....	McVeytown	376
Mahanoy City	" 11.....	Mahanoy City	357
Manayunk, Philadelphia, Grand Master.....		Roxborough	135
Manheim	No. 1.....	Manheim	587
Mansfield	" 17.....	Friendship	247
Marietta	" 42.....	Ashara	398
Marysville	" 19.....	Perry	458
Masontown	" 31.....	Valley	459

PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.	NAME.	No.
Mauch Chunk	No. 10.....	Carbon	242
Meadville	" 25.....	Crawford	234
"	" 25.....	.....	408
Mechanicsburg	" 3.....	Eureka	302
Media	" 36.....	George W. Bartram	298
Mercer	" 26.....	Hebron	575
Meyersdale	" 41.....	Meyersdale	554
Middleburg	" 35.....	Middleburg	619
Middletown	" 2.....	Prince Edwin	486
Mifflinburg	" 18.....	Mifflinburg	370
Mifflintown	" 19.....	Union	324
Milford	" 14.....	Milford	344
Millersburg	" 2.....	Susquehanna	364
Millersville	" 1.....	Charles M. Howell	496
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Milton	" 35.....	Milton	256
Minersville	" 11.....	Minersville	222
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Monroeton	" 16.....	Evergreen	163
Montoursville	" 18.....	Eureka	335
Montrose	" 15.....	Warren	240
Moores	" 36.....	Prospect	578
Moscow	" 13.....	Moscow	504
Mount Carmel	" 2.....	Mount Carmel	378
Mount Jewett	" 22.....	Mount Jewett	627
Mount Joy	" 1.....	Casiphia	551
Muncy	" 18.....	Muncy	299
Nanticoke	" 12.....	Nanticoke	541
Nazareth	" 9.....	Whitfield	622
New Bethlehem	" 27.....	New Bethlehem	522
New Bloomfield	" 19.....	Adams	319
New Brighton	" 37.....	Union	259
New Castle	" 26.....	Mahoning	243
" "	" 26.....	Lodge of the Craft	433
New Milford	" 15.....	New Milford	507
New Oxford	" 4.....	Hebron	465
Newport	" 19.....	Newport	381
Newtown	" 8.....	Newtown	427
Newville	" 3.....	Big Spring	361
Nicholson	" 15.....	Nicholson	438
Norristown	" 6.....	Charity	190
"	" 6.....	Norristown	620
North East	" 24.....	North East	399
Northumberland	" 35.....	Eureka	404

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Olyphant	" 13.....	Kingsbury	466
Orangeville	" 35.....	Oriental	460
Orbisonia	" 34.....	Cromwell	572
Orrstown	" 3.....	Orrstown	262
Orwigsburg	" 11.....	Schuylkill	138
Osceola	" 17.....	Osceola	421
Osceola Mills	" 21.....	Osceola	515
Oxford	" 36.....	Oxford	353
Parker's Landing	" 27.....	Parker City	521
Parkesburg	" 5.....	Keystone	569
Peckville	" 13.....	Oriental Star	588
Pen Argyl	" 9.....	Pen Argyl	594
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"	"Montgomery	19
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"	"Washington	59
"	"Concordia	67
"	"La Fayette	71
"	"Philadelphia	72
"	"Hiram	81
"	"Columbia	91
"	"Solomon's	114
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"	"Union	121
"	"Hermann	125
"	"Rising Star	126
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"	"Industry	131
"	"Franklin	134
"	"Roxborough	135
"	"Mount Moriah	155
"	"Meridian Sun	158
"	"Eastern Star	186
"	"Integrity	187
"	"Kensington	211
"	"Richmond	230
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"	"Keystone	271
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"	"	Mitchell	296
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"	"	Pennsylvania	380
"	"	Richard Vaux	384
"	"	Oriental	385
"	"	Apollo	386
"	"	Vaux	393
"	"	Perkins	402
"	"	William B. Schnider	419
"	"	432
"	"	Mozart	436
"	"	Potter	441
"	"	Philo	444
"	"	Ivanhoe	449
"	"	Stephen Girard	450
"	"	Welcome	453
"	"	Covenant	456
"	"	Palestine	470
"	"	St. Paul's	481
"	"	Athelstan	482
"	"	Robert A. Lamberton ...	487
"	"	Excelsior	491
"	"	Crescent	493
"	"	William C. Hamilton ...	500
"	"	Jerusalem	506
"	"	Gothic	519
"	"	Philates	527
"	"	Mount Horeb	528
"	"	St. Alban	529
"	"	Fernwood	543
"	"	Equity	591
"	"	Tacony	600
"	"	E. Coppée Mitchell	605
"	"	Radiant Star	606
"	"	Olivet	607
"	"	Progress	609
"	"	University	610
"	"	Henry W. Williams	624
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"	" 28.....	Franklin	221
"	" 28.....	Solomon	231
"	" 28.....	Washington	253
"	" 28.....	Monongahela	269
"	" 28.....	Milnor	287
"	" 28.....	Hailman	321
"	" 28.....	McCandless	390
"	" 28.....	Pittsburgh	484
"	" 28.....	Dallas	508
"	" 28.....	Germania	509
"	" 28.....	Guyasuta	513
"	" 28.....	Oakland	535
"	" 28.....	Duquesne	546
"	" 28.....	Crescent	576
"	" 28.....	Joppa	608
Pittston	" 12.....	St. John's	233
"	" 12.....	Valley	499
Plymouth	" 12.....	Plymouth	332
Port Allegany	" 22.....	Liberty	505
Portland	" 9.....	Portland	311
Pottstown	" 40.....	Stichter	254
Pottsville	" 11.....	Pulaski	216
Punxsutawney	" 21.....	John W. Jenks	534
Quakertown	" 8.....	Quakertown	512
Quarryville	" 1.....	Washington	156
Reading	" 7.....	.....	62
"	" 7.....	Chandler	227
"	" 7.....	Teutonia	367
"	" 7.....	St. John's	435
"	" 7.....	Reading	549
Renovo	" 33.....	Renovo	495
Reynoldsville	" 27.....	John M. Read	536
Ridgway	" 33.....	Elk	379
Riegelsville	" 8.....	Prosperity	567
Roaring Spring	" 20.....	Woodbury	539
Rochester	" 37.....	Rochester	229
Rome	" 16.....	Roman	418
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"	" 13.....	Peter Williamson	323
"	" 13.....	Hyde Park	339
"	" 13.....	Schiller	345
"	" 13.....	Green Ridge	597
Selin's Grove	" 35.....	La Fayette	194
Sellersville	" 8.....	MacCalla	596
Sewickley	" 32.....	Doric	630
Shamokin	" 2.....	Shamokin	255
Sharon	" 26.....	Sharon	250
Sharpsburg	" 32.....	Zeredatha	448
Sharpsville	" 26.....	Sharpsville	517
Shenandoah	" 11.....	Shenandoah	511
Shickshinny	" 12.....	Sylvania	354
Shingle House	" 22.....	Sharon	598
Shippensburg	" 3.....	Cumberland Valley	315
Shrewsbury	" 4.....	Shrewsbury	423
Slatington	" 10.....	Slatington	440
Smethport	" 22.....	McKean	388
Smith's Ferry	" 37.....	Glasgow	485
Somerset	" 41.....	Somerset	358
Spartansburg	" 25.....	Spartan	372
Spring City	" 40.....	Spring City	553
Stroudsburg	" 9.....	Barger	325
Sugar Grove	" 23.....	Stillwater	547
Sunbury	" 2.....	22
"	" 2.....	Maclay	632
Susquehanna	" 15.....	Canawacta	360
Tacony, Philadelphia, Grand Master.....		Tacony	600
Tamaqua	No. 11.....	Tamaqua	238
Tarentum	" 32.....	Pollock	502
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Thompstontown	" 19.....	Lamberton	371
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Towanda	" 16.....	Union	108
Trappe	" 6.....	Warren	310
Tremont	" 11.....	Swatara	267
Trexlerstown	" 10.....	Lehigh	326
Troy	" 16.....	Trojan	306
Tunkhannock	" 16.....	Temple ..	248
Turtle Creek	" 38.....	Valley	613
Tyrone	" 20.....	Tyrone	494
Ulysses	" 22.....	Lewisville	556
Union City	" 24.....	Eureka	366
Union Dale	" 15.....	Mount Hermon	472
Uniontown	" 31.....	Fayette	228
Upper Uwchlan	" 40.....	Mount Pickering	446
Vandergrift	" 39.....	Kiskiminetas	617
Verona	" 38.....	Verona	548
Warren	" 23.....	North Star	241
Washington	" 29.....	Washington	164
"	" 29.....	Sunset	623
Waterford	" 24.....	Waterford	425
Watsonstown	" 18.....	Watsonstown	401
Wattsburg	" 24.....	Wattsburg	533
Waymart	" 14.....	Waymart	542
Wayne	" 6.....	Wayne	581
Waynesboro	" 4.....	Acacia	586
Waynesburg	" 29.....	Waynesburg	153
Wellsboro	" 17.....	Ossea	317
West Chester	" 5.....	West Chester	322
Westfield	" 17.....	Westfield	477
West Grove	" 36.....	New London	545
West Middlesex	" 26.....	Kedron	389
West Newton	" 30.....	Blyth	593
White Haven	" 12.....	Laurel	467
Wiconisco	" 2.....	Ashlar	570
Wilcox	" 33.....	Wilcox	571
Wilkes-Barre	" 12.....	61
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Wilkinsburg	" 38.....	Orient	590
Williamsport	" 18.....	106
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Adelphia	592.....	Harrison Valley	" 22
Adelphic	424.....	Jamestown	" 26
Africa, J. Simpson	628.....	East Stroudsburg	" 9
Allegheny	223.....	Allegheny	" 32
Allegheny Valley	552.....	Emlenton	" 27
Alliquippa	375.....	McKeesport	" 38
Anthracite	285.....	St. Clair	" 11
Apollo	386.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Apollo	437.....	Apollo	No. 39
Arbutus	611.....	Freeland	" 12
Arcana	580.....	Austin	" 22
Argyle	540.....	Chicora	" 27
Armstrong	239.....	Freeport	" 27
Ashara	398.....	Marietta	" 42
Ashland	294.....	Ashland	" 11
Ashlar	570.....	Wiconisco	" 2
Athelstan	482.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Aurora	523.....	Jermyn	No. 13
Bangor	565.....	Bangor	" 9
Barger	325.....	Stroudsburg	" 9
Barger	333.....	Allentown	" 10
Bartram, George W.	298.....	Media	" 36
Bayard, Stephen	526.....	Elizabeth	" 38
Beallsville	237.....	Beallsville	" 29
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Bedford	320.....	Bedford	No. 34
Bellefonte	268.....	Bellefonte	" 21
Bellevue	530.....	Bellevue	" 32
Bethlehem	283.....	Bethlehem	" 9
Big Spring	361.....	Newville	" 3
Bloss	350.....	Blossburg	" 17
Blyth	593.....	West Newton	" 30
Braddock's Field	510.....	Braddock	" 38
Bray, W. K.	410.....	Hatboro	" 8
Bristol	25.....	Bristol	" 8
Brownsville	60.....	Brownsville	" 31
Burns, Robert	464.....	Harrisburg	" 2
Butler	272.....	Butler	" 27
Cambria	278.....	Johnstown	" 41
Canawacta	360.....	Susquehanna	" 15
Canby	520.....	St. Petersburg	" 27
Canton	415.....	Canton	" 16
Carbon	242.....	Mauch Chunk	" 10
Carbondale	249.....	Carbondale	" 13
Casiphia	551.....	Mount Joy	" 1
Cassia	273.....	Ardmore	" 6
Catawissa	349.....	Catawissa	" 35
Centennial	544	Carnegie	" 28
Chandler	227.....	Reading	" 7
Charity	144.....	Lewisburg	" 18
Charity	190	Norristown	" 6
Charleroi	615.....	Charleroi	" 29
Chartiers	297.....	Cannonsburg	" 29
Chester	236.....	Chester	" 36
Christiana	417.....	Christiana	" 1
Clarion	277.....	Clarion	" 27
Claysville	447.....	Claysville	" 29
Clearfield	314.....	Clearfield	" 21
Coalport	574.....	Coalport	" 21
Coalville	474.....	Ashley	" 12
Coatesville	564.....	Coatesville	" 5
Cochran, James	614.....	Dawson	" 31
Colonial	631.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Columbia	91.....	Philadelphia	" "
Columbia	286.....	Columbia	No. 42
Columbus	264.....	Columbus	" 23
Concord	625.....	Concordville	" 36
Concordia	67.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Corinthian	368.....	Philadelphia	" "

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Corinthian	573.....	Millvale Borough	No. 32
Corry	365.....	Corry	" 24
Covenant	456.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Covenant	473.....	Cambridge Springs	No. 25
Cowanesque	351.....	Knoxville	" 17
Crawford	234.....	Meadville	" 25
Crescent	576.....	Pittsburgh	" 28
Crescent	493.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Cressona	426.....	Cressona	No. 11
Cromwell	572.....	Orbisonia	" 34
Cumberland Star	197.....	Carlisle	" 3
Cumberland Valley	315.....	Shippensburg	" 3
Dallas	396.....	Easton	" 9
Dallas	508.....	Pittsburgh	" 28
Dallas, George M.	531.....	Dallas	" 12
Danville	224.....	Danville	" 35
Davage	374.....	Allegheny	" 32
Donora	626.....	Donora	" 29
Doric	630.....	Sewickley	" 32
Doylestown	245.....	Doylestown	" 8
Driftwood	532.....	Driftwood	" 33
Duquesne	546.....	Pittsburgh	" 28
Eastern Star	186.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Easton	152.....	Easton	No. 9
Edenburg	550.....	Edenburg	" 27
Eldred	560.....	Eldred	" 22
Elk	379.....	Ridgway	" 33
Ellwood	599.....	Ellwood City	" 26
Elysburg	414.....	Elysburg	" 2
Emporium	382.....	Emporium	" 33
Equity	591.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Eulalia	342.....	Coudersport	No. 22
Eureka	290.....	Greenville	" 26
Eureka	302.....	Mechanicsburg	" 3
Eureka	335.....	Montoursville	" 18
Eureka	366.....	Union City	" 24
Eureka	404.....	Northumberland	" 35
Everett	524.....	Everett	" 34
Evergreen	163.....	Monroeton	" 16
Excelsior	491.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Factoryville	341.....	Factoryville	No. 13
Fayette	228.....	Uniontown	" 31

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Fernwood	543.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Forest City	439.....	Forest City	No. 15
Fort Washington	308.....	Fort Washington	" 8
Frankford	292.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Franklin	134.....	Philadelphia	" "
Franklin	221.....	Pittsburgh	No. 28
Franklin	263.....	Laceyville	" 16
Fraternal	483.....	Rouseville	" 23
Freedom	328.....	Jackson	" 15
Friendship	247.....	Mansfield	" 17
Friendship	400.....	Jenkintown	" 8
Fritz	420.....	Conshohocken	" 6
Galeton	602.....	Galeton	" 22
Garfield	559.....	DuBois	" 21
Garfield	604.....	McDonald	" 29
Germania	509.....	Pittsburgh	" 28
Girard, Stephen	450.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Glasgow	485.....	Smith's Ferry	No. 37
Goddard	383.....	Coatesville	" 5
Good Samaritan	336.....	Gettysburg	" 4
Gothic	519.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Great Bend	338.....	Great Bend	No. 15
Greenleaf	561.....	Allentown	" 10
Green Ridge	597.....	Scranton	" 13
Grove City	603.....	Grove City	" 26
Gummert	252.....	Fayette City	" 31
Guyasuta	513.....	Pittsburgh	" 28
Hailman	321.....	Pittsburgh	" 28
Hamilton	274.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Hamilton, William C. ..	500.....	Philadelphia	" "
Harford	445.....	Hop Bottom	No. 15
Harmony	52.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Harmony	429.....	Zelienople	No. 37
Harrisburg	629.....	Harrisburg	" 2
Hawley	305.....	Hawley	" 14
Hazle	327.....	Hazleton	" 10
Hebron	465.....	New Oxford	" 4
Hebron	575.....	Mercer	" 26
Hellertown	563.....	Hellertown	" 9
Hermann	125.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Hiram	81.....	Philadelphia	" "
Hiram	261.....	Scranton	No. 13
Hiram	616.....	Altoona	" 20

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Homestead	582.....	Homestead	" 38
Honesdale	218.....	Honesdale	" 14
Howell	405.....	Honeybrook	" 5
Howell, Charles M.	496.....	Millersville	" 1
Huguenot	377.....	Kutztown	" 7
Humboldt	359.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Hyde Park	339.....	Scranton	No. 13
Hyndman	589.....	Hyndman	" 34
Indiana	313.....	Indiana	" 39
Industry	131.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Integrity	187.....	Philadelphia	" "
Ionic	525.....	Allegheny	No. 32
Ivanhoe	449.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Ivy	397.....	Williamsport	No. 18
Jefferson	288.....	Allegheny	" 32
Jenks, John W.	534.....	Punxsutawney	" 21
Jerusalem	506.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Johnstown	538.....	Johnstown	No. 41
Joppa	608.....	Pittsburgh	" 28
Juniata	282.....	Hollidaysburg	" 20
Kane	566.....	Kane	" 33
Kedron	389.....	West Middlesex	" 26
Kennett	475.....	Kennett Square	" 36
Kensington	211.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Keystone	271.....	Philadelphia	" "
Keystone	455.....	Erie	No. 24
Keystone	569.....	Parkesburg	" 5
Kingsbury	466.....	Olyphant	" 13
King Solomon	346.....	Connellsville	" 31
King Solomon	584.....	Dunmore	" 13
Kingston	395.....	Kingston	" 12
Kiskiminetas	617.....	Vandergrift	" 39
Kittanning	244.....	Kittanning	" 27
Knapp	462.....	Berwick	" 12
La Belle Vallée	232.....	Jersey Shore	" 18
La Fayette	71.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
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La Fayette	199.....	Lock Haven	" 33
Lake	434.....	Sandy Lake	" 26
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Lamberton	476.....	Lancaster	" 1
Lamberton, Robert A. ..	487.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
La Monte	568.....	Derry Station	No. 30
Landmark	442.....	Wilkes-Barre	" 12
Laurel	467.....	White Haven	" 12
Leechburg	577.....	Leechburg	" 27
Lehigh	326.....	Trexlerstown	" 10
Lehighton	621.....	Lehighton	" 10
Le Ray	471.....	Le Raysville	" 16
Lewistown	203.....	Lewistown	" 19
Lewisville	556.....	Ulysses	" 22
Liberty	505.....	Port Allegany	" 22
Ligonier	331.....	Ligonier	" 30
Lodge of the Craft	433.....	New Castle	" 26
Logan	490.....	Altoona	" 20
Loyalhanna	275.....	Latrobe	" 30
MacCalla	596.....	Sellersville	" 8
McCandless	390.....	Pittsburgh	" 28
McKean	388.....	Smethport	" 22
McKinley	318.....	Allegheny	" 32
McVeytown	376.....	McVeytown	" 19
Maclay	632.....	Sunbury	" 2
Mahanoy City	357.....	Mahanoy City	" 11
Mahoning	243.....	New Castle	" 26
Mahoning	516.....	Danville	" 35
Manheim	587.....	Manheim	" 1
Manoquesy	413.....	Bath	" 9
Marion	562.....	Scottdale	" 30
Melita	295.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Meridian	411.....	Enon Valley	No. 37
Meridian Sun	158.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Meyersdale	554.....	Meyersdale	No. 41
Middleburg	619.....	Middleburg	" 35
Mifflinburg	370.....	Mifflinburg	" 18
Milford	344.....	Milford	" 14
Milnor	287.....	Pittsburgh	" 28
Milton	256.....	Milton	" 35
Minersville	222.....	Minersville	" 11
Mitchel	296.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Mitchell, E. Coppée	605.....	Philadelphia	" "
Monongahela	269.....	Pittsburgh	No. 28
Monongahela Valley	461.....	Coal Centre	" 29
Montgomery	19.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master

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Moshannon	391.....	Philipsburg	" 21
Mountain	281.....	Altoona	" 20
Mount Carmel	378.....	Mount Carmel	" 2
Mount Hermon	472.....	Uniondale	" 15
Mount Horeb	528.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Mount Jewett	627.....	Mount Jewett	No. 22
Mount Lebanon	226.....	Lebanon	" 2
Mount Moriah	155.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Mount Moriah	300.....	Huntingdon	No. 34
Mount Pickering	446.....	Upper Uwchlan	" 40
Mount Pisgah	443.....	Green Castle	" 3
Mozart	436.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Muncy	299.....	Muncy	No. 18
Myrtle	316.....	Franklin	" 23
Nanticoke	541.....	Nanticoke	" 12
New Bethlehem	522.....	New Bethlehem	" 27
New London	545.....	West Grove	" 36
New Milford	507.....	New Milford	" 15
Newport	381.....	Newport	" 19
Newtown	427.....	Newtown	" 8
Nicholson	438.....	Nicholson	" 15
Noble	480.....	Curwensville	" 21
Norristown	620.....	Norristown	" 6
North East	399.....	North East	" 24
North Star	241.....	Warren	" 23
Northern Star	555.....	Duke Centre	" 22
Oakland	535.....	Pittsburgh	" 28
Oasis	416.....	Edinboro	" 24
Oil Creek	303.....	Titusville	" 25
Old Fort	537.....	Centre Hall	" 21
Olive	557.....	Tionesta	" 23
Olivet	607.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Orient	289.....	Philadelphia	" "
Orient	590.....	Wilkinsburg	No. 38
Oriental	385.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Oriental	460.....	Orangeville	No. 35
Oriental Star	588.....	Peckville	" 13
Orrstown	262.....	Orrstown	" 3
Osceola	421.....	Osceola	" 17
Osceola	515.....	Osceola Mills	" 21
Ossea	317.....	Wellsboro	" 17
Oxford	353.....	Oxford	" 36

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Parker City	521	Parker's Landing	No. 27
Patmos	348	Hanover	" 4
Pen Argyl	594	Pen Argyl	" 9
Pennsylvania	380	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Perkins	402	Philadelphia	" "
Perkiomen	595	East Greenville	No. 40
Perry	392	Erie	" 24
Perry	458	Marysville	" 19
Perseverance	21	Harrisburg	" 2
Petrolia	363	Oil City	" 23
Philadelphia	72	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Philanthropy	225	Greensburg	No. 30
Philates	527	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Phillips, Henry M.	337	Monongahela	No. 29
Philo	444	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Phœnix	75	Phœnixville	No. 40
Phœnix	130	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Pine	498	Linesville	No. 25
Pine Grove	409	Pine Grove	" 11
Pittsburgh	484	Pittsburgh	" 28
Plymouth	332	Plymouth	" 12
Pollock	502	Tarentum	" 32
Portage	220	Hollidaysburg	" 20
Porter	284	Catasauqua	" 10
Portland	311	Portland	" 9
Potter	441	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Prince Edwin	486	Middletown	No. 2
Progress	609	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Prospect	578	Moorestown	No. 36
Prosperity	567	Riegelsville	" 8
Pulaski	216	Pottsville	" 11
Quakertown	512	Quakertown	" 8
Radiant Star	606	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Read, John M.	536	Reynoldsville	No. 27
Reading	549	Reading	" 7
Renovo	495	Renovo	" 33
Richmond	230	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Rising Star	126	Philadelphia	" "
Riverside	503	Wrightsville	No. 42
Rochester	229	Rochester	" 37
Roman	418	Rome	" 16

NAME.	No.	PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.
Roxborough	135.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Royersford	585.....	Royersford	No. 40
Rural Amity	70.....	Athens	" 16
St. Alban	529.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
St. James	457.....	Beaver	No. 37
St. John's	115.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
St. John's	219.....	Pittsburgh	No. 28
St. John's	233.....	Pittston	" 12
St. John's	260.....	Carlisle	" 3
St. John's	435.....	Reading	" 7
St. Paul's	481.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Salem	330.....	Hamlington	No. 14
Saucon	469.....	Coopersburg	" 10
Schiller	345.....	Scranton	" 13
Schnider, William B. ...	419.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Schuylkill	138.....	Orwigsburg	No. 11
Scott, Lucius H.	352.....	Chester	" 36
Shamokin	255.....	Shamokin	" 2
Sharon	250.....	Sharon	" 26
Sharon	598.....	Shingle House	" 22
Sharpsville	517.....	Sharpsville	" 26
Shekinah	246.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Shenandoah	511.....	Shenandoah	No. 11
Shepherd	463.....	Titusville	" 25
Shidle	601.....	Irwin	" 30
Shiloh	558.....	Lansdale	" 6
Shrewsbury	423.....	Shrewsbury	" 4
Skerrett	343.....	Cochranville	" 5
Slatington	440.....	Slatington	" 10
Smithfield	428.....	East Smithfield	" 16
Solomon	231.....	Pittsburgh	" 28
Solomon's	114.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Somerset	358.....	Somerset	No. 41
Spartan	372.....	Spartansburg	" 25
Spring City	553.....	Spring City	" 40
Stichter	254.....	Pottstown	" 40
Stillwater	547.....	Sugar Grove	" 23
Stuckrath	430.....	Allegheny	" 32
Summit	312.....	Ebensburg	" 41
Sunset	623.....	Washington	" 29
Susquehanna	364.....	Millersburg	" 2
Swatara	267.....	Tremont	" 11
Sylvania	354.....	Shickshinny	" 12

NAME.	No.	PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.
Tacony	600.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Tamaqua	238.....	Tamaqua	No. 11
Temple	248.....	Tunkhannock	" 16
Temple	412.....	Tidioute	" 23
Teutonia	367.....	Reading	" 7
Thomson	340.....	Green Tree Station	" 5
Tioga	373.....	Tioga	" 17
Trojan	306.....	Troy	" 16
Tyrian	362.....	Erie	" 24
Tyrian	612.....	Wilmerding	" 38
Tyrone	494.....	Tyrone	" 20
Union	108.....	Towanda	" 16
Union	121.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Union	259.....	New Brighton	No. 37
Union	291.....	Scranton	" 13
Union	324.....	Mifflintown	" 19
Union	334.....	Bradford	" 22
Union	479.....	Birdsboro	" 7
University	610.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Valley	459.....	Masontown	No. 31
Valley	499.....	Pittston	" 12
Valley	613.....	Turtle Creek	" 38
Vaux	393.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Vaux	406.....	Hamburg	No. 7
Vaux, Richard	384.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Vaux, Richard	454.....	Burgettstown	No. 29
Verona	548.....	Verona	" 38
Warren	240.....	Montrose	" 15
Warren	310.....	Trappe	" 6
Washington	59.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Washington	156.....	Quarryville	No. 1
Washington	164.....	Washington	" 29
Washington	253.....	Pittsburgh	" 28
Washington	265.....	Bloomsburg	" 35
Washington, George	143.....	Chambersburg	" 3
Waterford	425.....	Waterford	" 24
Watsonstown	401.....	Watsonstown	" 18
Wattsburg	533.....	Wattsburg	" 24
Waverly	301.....	Clark's Summit	" 13
Waymart	542.....	Waymart	" 14
Wayne	581.....	Wayne	" 6
Waynesburg	153.....	Waynesburg	" 29

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Welcome	453.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
West Chester	322.....	West Chester	No. 5
Western Crawford	258.....	Conneautville	" 25
Western Star	304.....	Albion	" 24
Westfield	477.....	Westfield	" 17
Westmoreland	518.....	Greensburg	" 30
Whitfield	622.....	Nazareth	" 9
Wilcox	571.....	Wilcox	" 33
Williams, Henry W. ...	624.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Williamson	307.....	Womelsdorf	No. 7
Williamson	309.....	Downingtown	" 5
Williamson	369.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
Williamson	431.....	Saltsburg	No. 39
Williamson, Peter	323.....	Scranton	" 13
Woodbury	539.....	Roaring Spring	" 20
Wyalusing	618.....	Wyalusing	" 16
Wyoming	468.....	Wyoming	" 12
York	266.....	York	" 42
Youghiogheny	583.....	McKeesport	" 38
Zeredatha	448.....	Sharpsburg	" 32
Zeredatha	451.....	York	" 42

LODGES WITHOUT NAMES.

	No.	PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.
.....	2.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
.....	3.....	Philadelphia	" "
.....	9.....	Philadelphia	" "
.....	22.....	Sunbury	No. 2
.....	43.....	Lancaster	" 1
.....	45.....	Pittsburgh	" 28
.....	51.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master
.....	61.....	Wilkes-Barre	No. 12
.....	62.....	Reading	" 7
.....	106.....	Williamsport	" 18
.....	408.....	Meadville	" 25
.....	432.....	Philadelphia	Grand Master

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS OF LODGES FOR 1903.

A = Under Grand Master's Supervision.

Mon. F. M. = Monday on or before Full Moon.

F. M. Mon. = Monday on or after Full Moon.

Mon. a. F. M. = Monday after Full Moon.

Mon. b. F. M. = Monday before Full Moon.

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2	Philadelphia	A	3d Mon.....	163	2	2		1	6	160
3	"	A	3d Tues.....	226		13	4	3	9	223
9	"	A	1st Fri.	343	3	22	2		7	359
19	Montgomery	"	A	1st Thur.	251	1	14	3	1	10	252
21	Perseverance	Harrisburg	2	2d Mon.....	302	8	26	2	1	2	331
22	.....	Sunbury	2	*	117			4	1	2	110
25	Bristol.....	Bristol.....	8	Sat. F. M. ...	145		7	1			151
43	.....	Lancaster.....	1	2d Wed.....	278	2	8			8	280
45	.....	Pittsburgh.....	28	Last Wed....	367		25	2	1	9	380
51	.....	Philadelphia	A	4th Thur.	154	1	13			6	162
52	Harmony	"	A	1st Mon.....	192		10	1	2	7	192
59	Washington.....	"	A	2d Tues.....	559	4	18	2		14	565
60	Brownsville.....	Brownsville	31	1st Mon.....	90	1	9	4			96
61	.....	Wilkes-Barre....	12	1st Mon.....	244	5	28	7		4	266
62	.....	Reading	7	1st Mon.....	263	5	3	4	1	7	259
67	Concordia.....	Philadelphia	A	3d Thur.....	216	6	18		1	1	238
70	Rural Amity.....	Athens	16	†	164	6	19		6		183
71	La Fayette.....	Philadelphia	A	4th Wed.	182	2	8	6		8	178
72	Philadelphia	"	A	3d Thur.....	235		13		2	6	240
75	Phoenix.....	Phoenixville....	40	Sat. F. M. ...	193	2	16		3	2	206
81	Hiram	Philadelphia	A	2d Wed.....	104	1	6	5		5	101
91	Columbia	"	A	4th Mon.....	177	2	9		2	3	183
106	.....	Williamsport....	18	1st Mon.....	230		20		2	5	243
108	Union	Towanda.....	16	3d Wed.....	194	1	5	6	3	5	186
114	Solomon's.....	Philadelphia	A	3d Fri.....	166	1	7			4	170
115	St. John's.....	"	A	2d Mon.....	256	2	18		1	7	268
121	Union	"	A	2d Thur.....	165		4		1	6	162
125	Hermann	"	A	2d Wed.....	270		11	2	1	6	272
126	Rising Star.....	"	A	2d Mon.....	198		17	5		10	200
130	Phoenix	"	A	3d Wed.....	256	1	14	1		4	266
131	Industry	"	A	2d Mon.....	120	3	11	2		4	128
134	Franklin.....	"	A	†	153		2	3	1	4	147
135	Roxborough.....	"	A	2d Tues.....	224	6	17	1	1	4	241
138	Schuylkill.....	Orwigsburg	11	Last Mon....	70		3			3	70
143	George Washington	Chambersburg...	3	Fri. F. M....	145	1	6	2		4	146
144	Charity	Lewisburg	18	Tues. F. M...	101	2	4		1	1	105
152	Easton	Easton	9	1st Thur.	204		10	5	2	7	200
153	Waynesburg	Waynesburg	29	2d Mon.....	133	1	18		1		151

* No. 22 meets evening of Full Moon, except when Moon is full on Sunday ; then Monday.

† No. 70 meets Tuesday on or before Full Moon and St. John the Evangelist's Day, Dec. 27.

‡ No. 134 meets last week day of every month.

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155	Mount Moriah.....	Philadelphia	A	4th Tues.....	362	2	32	6		11	379
156	Washington	Quarryville.....	1	Fri. F. M. ..	66	1	4	1	2	1	67
158	Meridian Sun.....	Philadelphia	A	1st Tues.....	462	5	22	3	1	12	473
163	Evergreen.....	Monroeton	16	Tues. F. M...	115	2	3				120
164	Washington	Washington.....	29	1st Mon.....	141		8	5	3	4	137
186	Eastern Star.....	Philadelphia	A	2d Wed.....	194	2	13			8	201
187	Integrity	"	A	2d Thur.....	214	1	7	1	1	9	211
190	Charity	Norristown.....	6	1st Mon.....	319	2	25	1	3	5	337
194	La Fayette.....	Selin's Grove....	35	*	98		4	10		1	91
197	Cumberland Star..	Carlisle	3	2d Tues.....	108	1	4				113
199	La Fayette.....	Lock Haven.....	33	2d Thur.....	142	2	6	3		3	144
203	Lewistown	Lewistown	19	†	129		6				135
211	Kensington.....	Philadelphia	A	1st Fri.....	442	2	37		3	10	468
216	Pulaski	Pottsville	11	3d Mon.....	202		8	3		7	200
218	Honesdale	Honesdale	14	Thur. F. M...	103	4	6		2	5	106
219	St. John's.....	Pittsburgh	28	2d Thur.....	443	1	36	1		9	470
220	Portage.....	Hollidaysburg...	20	1st Tues.....	67						67
221	Franklin.....	Pittsburgh	28	3d Wed.....	428	1	50		1	7	471
222	Minersville	Minersville.....	11	2d Thur.....	70	1	4			1	74
223	Allegheny.....	Allegheny	32	2d Mon.....	299	2	32		1	3	329
224	Danville.....	Danville	35	3d Tues.....	101	3	13		2		115
225	Philanthropy	Greensburg.....	30	2d Mon.....	142		2			2	142
226	Mount Lebanon...	Lebanon	2	‡	170		10			3	177
227	Chandler	Reading	7	1st Tues.....	350	1	14	6		9	350
228	Fayette.....	Uniontown	31	2d Mon.....	199	1	29			1	228
229	Rochester	Rochester	37	Fri. F. M....	158		11	2		1	166
230	Richmond.....	Philadelphia	A	2d Wed.....	263	2	20		2	7	276
231	Solomon.....	Pittsburgh	28	1st Thur.....	131	2	28	3		2	156
232	La Belle Vallée...	Jersey Shore....	18	Fri. b. F. M..	100		3			1	102
233	St. John's.....	Pittston.....	12	§	150	1	20		2	6	163
234	Crawford.....	Meadville	25	1st Thur.....	122		4			3	123
236	Chester	Chester	36	1st Thur.....	311	1	18	3		8	319
237	Beallsville.....	Beallsville.....	29	Wed. F. M...	53	2	8		2		61
238	Tamaqua	Tamaqua.....	11	Fri. F. M....	180	1	14		5	5	185
239	Armstrong	Freeport	27	3d Mon.....	48		2		1		49
240	Warren.....	Montrose.....	15	Wed. F. M...	84		1			4	81
241	North Star.....	Warren.....	23	3d Thur.....	185	3	9		1		196
242	Carbon.....	Mauch Chunk...	10	2d Wed.....	124		3			3	124
243	Mahoning	New Castle.....	26	4th Tues.....	171	8	19	5	1	2	190
244	Kittanning.....	Kittanning.....	27	1st Tues.....	122	3	13			2	136
245	Doylestown.....	Doylestown	8	Fri. F. M....	175	1	8	1		8	175
246	Shekinah.....	Philadelphia	A	3d Mon.....	432	3	30	4	1	10	450
247	Friendship.....	Mansfield	17	Mon. F. M...	67	1	7	2	1	2	70
248	Temple.....	Tunkhannock ...	16	Mon. F. M...	172		7		2	4	173
249	Carbondale.....	Carbondale.....	13	1st Wed.....	148		3	2	1	4	144
250	Sharon.....	Sharon	26	1st Fri.....	141	4	15			4	156
252	Gummert	Fayette City....	31	Mon. F. M...	115		13		3		125
253	Washington.....	Pittsburgh	28	Last Tues....	332		24	3	1	5	347
254	Stichter.....	Pottstown.....	40	2d Wed.....	213	2	11	4	1	5	216
255	Shamokin.....	Shamokin.	2	1st Fri.....	163	1	8		1	2	169
256	Milton	Milton.....	35	1st Mon.....	122		11			3	130

* No. 194 meets two nights before Full Moon except when Moon is full on Tuesday ; then one night before.

† No. 203 meets second Tuesday and St. John the Evangelist's Day, Dec. 27.

‡ No. 226 meets third Thursday and St. Johns' Days, June 24 and Dec. 27.

§ No. 233 meets Tuesday on or before Full Moon and St. Johns' Days, June 24 and Dec. 27.

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258	Western Crawford .	Conneautville . . .	25	1st & 3d Mon.	59		1	1	1	1	57
259	Union	New Brighton . . .	37	1st Tues.	122		7			1	128
260	St. John's	Carlisle	3	3d Thur.	135		5	1		3	136
261	Hiram	Scranton	13	2d Thur.	84		11	1		2	92
262	Orrstown	Orrstown	3	Thur. F. M. . . .	40		3		1	1	41
263	Franklin	Laceyville	16	Tues. F. M. . . .	59		8			2	65
264	Columbus	Columbus'	23	Thur. F. M. . . .	42	1			1	1	41
265	Washington	Bloomsburg	35	3d Mon.	124	6	9	1		1	137
266	York	York	42	*	152	2	15	1		5	163
267	Swatara	Tremont	11	2d Thur.	109		7	3		3	110
268	Bellefonte	Bellefonte	21	Tues. F. M. . . .	138	3	15			3	153
269	Monongahela	Pittsburgh	28	1st Fri.	312	1	25			5	333
270	Page	Schuylkill Haven	11	Fri. F. M.	76		2			1	77
271	Keystone	Philadelphia	A	1st Mon.	183	1	9	2		7	184
272	Butler	Butler	27	1st Thur.	174	3	6	4		4	175
273	Cassia	Ardmore	6	Thur. F. M. . . .	205	3	8		4	5	207
274	Hamilton	Philadelphia	A	4th Tues.	251	2	15	4	1	3	260
275	Loyalhanna	Latrobe	30	1st Mon.	95	1	6			4	98
276	Hobah	Brookville	27	2d Mon.	129	1	8		2	4	132
277	Clarion	Clarion	27	1st Mon.	139		4			3	140
278	Cambria	Johnstown	41	2d Tues.	212		13			1	224
281	Mountain	Altoona	20	3d Tues.	198	2	5	1		3	201
282	Juniata	Holidaysburg	20	2d Mon.	102	1	4			2	105
283	Bethlehem	Bethlehem	9	1st Tues.	161	2	8			2	169
284	Porter	Catasauqua	10	1st Fri.	132	2	5	2	2	2	133
285	Anthracite	St. Clair	11	3d Wed.	94		3			3	94
286	Columbia	Columbia	42	1st Thur.	154		9	2	2	2	157
287	Milnor	Pittsburgh	28	3d Tues.	418	4	38		1	7	452
288	Jefferson	Allegheny	32	1st Wed.	116		5			4	117
289	Orient	Philadelphia	A	4th Fri.	206	2	8		1	8	207
290	Eureka	Greenville	26	1st Mon.	150	4	7		1	1	159
291	Union	Scranton	13	2d Fri.	259	2	22	6		3	274
292	Frankford	Philadelphia	A	2d Tues.	274	1	26	2	2	7	290
294	Ashland	Ashland	11	2d Thur.	151		6			7	150
295	Melita	Philadelphia	A	4th Wed.	323	6	22		1	7	343
296	Mitchell	"	A	2d Thur.	234	6	21			5	256
297	Chartiers	Canonsburg	29	2d Mon.	77	2	2		1	2	78
298	Geo. W. Bartram . . .	Media	36	2d Mon.	133	3	5		3	1	137
299	Muncy	Muncy	18	1st Thur.	98	1	6			3	102
300	Mount Moriah	Huntingdon	34	2d Mon.	145		6			5	146
301	Waverly	Clark's Summit . . .	13	Tues. F. M. . . .	82	2	11		4	1	90
302	Eureka	Mechanicsburg . . .	3	1st Mon.	126		5	3		1	127
303	Oil Creek	Titusville	25	2d & 4th Tues. . .	136		4		1	2	137
304	Western Star	Albion	24	1st & 3d Tues. . .	75		2			1	76
305	Hawley	Hawley	14	Tues. F. M. . . .	61		3				64
306	Trojan	Troy	16	Tues. F. M. . . .	80	4	4		4		84
307	Williamson	Womelsdorf	7	1st Thur.	118	1	6			3	122
308	Fort Washington . . .	Fort Washington . . .	8	Sat. F. M.	79		3		2	2	78
309	Williamson	Downingtown	5	Fri. F. M.	71	1	3			1	74
310	Warren	Trappe	6	Sat. F. M.	90		5		2	2	91
311	Portland	Portland	9	Thur. F. M. . . .	56	1					57

* No. 266 meets Tuesday after first Monday.

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312	Summit.....	Ebensburg	41	2d Tues.....	141		18	3		2	154
313	Indiana.....	Indiana.....	39	2d Tues.....	104		6	1		2	107
314	Clearfield	Clearfield	21	1st Mon.....	127		12			2	137
315	Cumberland Valley	Shippensburg....	3	2d Fri.....	55		4			2	57
316	Myrtle	Franklin.....	23	1st & 3d Mon.	167		8	2	3	2	168
317	Ossea	Wellsboro.....	17	1st Tues.....	124	2	11		1	2	134
318	McKinley.....	Allegheny	32	1st Tues.....	303	2	26	2		4	325
319	Adams.....	New Bloomfield .	19	Wed. F. M...	49	1	3	1		1	51
320	Bedford.....	Bedford.....	34	2d Thur	102	1	2			3	102
321	Hailman.....	Pittsburgh	28	3d Tues.....	236	2	32			7	263
322	West Chester.....	West Chester....	5	Mon. F. M...	155	2	6	1	1	1	160
323	Peter Williamson..	Scranton.....	13	1st Tues.....	258	3	17	4	1	5	268
324	Union	Mifflintown	19	2d Thur.....	93	3	3			2	97
325	Barger.....	Stroudsburg.....	9	Mon. F. M...	169		2			1	170
326	Lehigh	Trexlerstown....	10	Tues. F. M...	72		1			1	72
327	Hazle.....	Hazleton.....	10	1st Mon.....	206	1	4			8	203
328	Freedom.....	Jackson.....	15	Wed. F. M...	54		1			2	53
330	Salem.....	Hamlington	14	Mon. F. M...	63		6		1		68
331	Ligonier.....	Ligonier.....	30	Fri. b. F. M..	71		4	5		1	69
332	Plymouth.....	Plymouth.....	12	Tues. F. M...	82		7	1		1	87
333	Barger.....	Allentown	10	3d Fri.....	160		4			3	161
334	Union	Bradford.....	22	2d Thur.....	325	13	25	6	5	6	346
335	Eureka	Montoursville ...	18	Fri. b. F. M..	74		3			1	76
336	Good Samaritan ...	Gettysburg.....	4	2d Thur.....	116		6	3	1		118
337	Henry M. Phillips.	Monongahela....	29	2d Tues.....	142		21	1	4	5	153
338	Great Bend.....	Great Bend.....	15	2d Tues.....	59	1	5	5			60
339	Hyde Park.....	Scranton.....	13	3d Mon.....	255	1	14	2		4	264
340	Thomson	Green Tree.....	5	Wed. F. M...	147		9	3	1	4	148
341	Factoryville.....	Factoryville.....	13	Tues. F. M...	66	1	5	2	1		69
342	Eulalia	Coudersport.....	22	2d & 4th Wed.	157		9		2	1	163
343	Skerritt.....	Cochranville....	5	Tues. F. M...	139		3			2	140
344	Milford	Milford.....	14	Wed. F. M...	50		2			2	50
345	Schiller	Scranton.....	13	2d Mon.....	196		32	3	1	3	221
346	King Solomon. ...	Connellsville ...	31	3d Mon.....	141		14			1	154
347	Lake Erie.....	Girard.....	24	1st Wed.....	85	1	5	5		2	84
348	Patmos	Hanover	4	*	85	4	8	1		1	95
349	Catawissa.....	Catawissa	35	Tues. b. F. M.	96		3		1		98
350	Bloss.....	Blossburg.....	17	Sat. F. M. ...	116	1	11	3	1	3	121
351	Cowanesque.....	Knoxville.....	17	Wed. F. M...	44	3	1				48
352	Lucius H. Scott....	Chester	36	1st Tues.....	235		24	2	1	6	250
353	Oxford.....	Oxford.....	36	Wed. F. M...	145	1	1	3		2	142
354	Sylvania	Shickshinny.....	12	Mon. F. M...	63	1	5				69
355	Acacia.....	Blairsville.....	39	2d Thur.....	111	1	4		1	1	114
357	Mahanoy City.....	Mahanoy City....	11	3d Thur.....	107		1			2	106
358	Somerset.....	Somerset.....	41	Tues. F. M...	116		11	2	1	1	123
359	Humboldt.....	Philadelphia	A	4th Thur.....	126		7		1	7	125
360	Canawacta	Susquehanna	15	1st Fri.....	136		3	6	1	2	130
361	Big Spring.....	Newville	3	2d Thur.....	52	2	8	1	1		60
362	Tyrian	Erie	24	1st Fri.....	182	6	5		2	8	183
363	Petrolia	Oil City.....	23	1st Fri.....	258	5	12			4	271
364	Susquehanna	Millersburg	2	1st Fri.....	70	1	5			1	75

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365	Corry	Corry	24	1st Tues.	100	1	3	1	3	2	98
366	Eureka	Union City	24	1st Fri.	63	2	4				69
367	Teutonia	Reading	7	3d Thur.	85		1	1		3	82
368	Corinthian	Philadelphia	A	3d Tues.	158	3	6	3	2	4	158
369	Williamson	"	A	3d Thur.	152	3	4			11	148
370	Mifflinburg	Mifflinburg	18	Mon. F. M. ...	63		5			1	67
371	Lamberton	Thompsontown ..	19	Mon. F. M. ...	32		3				35
372	Spartan	Spartansburg	25	1st Mon.	49	2	8	2			57
373	Tioga	Tioga	17	3d Thur.	71	1	4				76
374	Davage	Allegheny	32	2d Thur.	277		13	6	1	6	277
375	Alliquippa	McKeesport	38	1st Tues.	243		36	6	2	2	269
376	McVeytown	McVeytown	19	1st Tues.	48		1			3	46
377	Huguenot	Kutztown	7	Sat. F. M.	105		13	1		2	115
378	Mount Carmel	Mt. Carmel	2	2d Thur.	88		6		1		93
379	Elk	Ridgway	33	2d & 4th Tues.	182	2	6	3		3	184
380	Pennsylvania	Philadelphia	A	1st Tues.	101	2	5	1	5	2	100
381	Newport	Newport	19	1st Tues.	57	1	2				60
382	Emporium	Emporium	33	2d Tues.	88	1	3	3		2	87
383	Goddard	Coatesville	5	F. M. Tues. ...	100	1	18			1	118
384	Richard Vaux	Philadelphia	A	1st Mon.	151	3	20	1		3	170
385	Oriental	"	A	1st Thur.	337		32	4	4	3	358
386	Apollo	"	A	3d Wed.	307	1	16		1	10	313
388	McKean	Smethport	22	2d & 4th Wed.	89		18		6	2	99
389	Kedron	West Middlesex ..	26	1st Mon.	35			2		1	32
390	McCandless	Pittsburgh	28	2d Wed.	319		13			4	328
391	Moshannon	Philipsburg	21	2d Thur.	130	2	5		1	1	135
392	Perry	Erie	24	2d Tues.	197	2	12	5		4	202
393	Vaux	Philadelphia	A	4th Tues.	169	1	10	4	1	5	170
395	Kingston	Kingston	12	2d Wed.	125		7	1		1	130
396	Dallas	Easton	9	1st Tues.	185	5	24			5	209
397	Ivy	Williamsport	18	1st Tues.	202	2	33	1			236
398	Ashara	Marietta	42	Mon. F. M. ...	67		4			4	67
399	North East	North East	24	1st Wed.	103	3	13	2	2	2	113
400	Friendship	Jenkintown	8	Tues. F. M. ...	126		10			3	133
401	Watson town	Watson town	18	Wed. F. M. ...	81	3	1		1	2	82
402	Perkins	Philadelphia	A	1st Fri.	244	1	19	2	1	4	257
404	Eureka	Northumberland ..	35	3d Mon.	60			1		2	57
405	Howell	Honey Brook	5	Wed. F. M. ...	91		4	3			92
406	Vaux	Hamburg	7	2d Thur.	120		9			2	127
408	.....	Meadville	25	1st Mon.	68		6		2	3	69
409	Pine Grove	Pine Grove	11	1st Mon.	70			1		3	66
410	W. K. Bray	Hatboro	8	Wed. F. M. ...	71		9			3	77
411	Meridian	Enon Valley	37	Fri. F. M.	52		2		4	3	47
412	Temple	Tidioute	23	2d Tues.	47		1	1		1	46
413	Manoquesy	Bath	9	Fri. F. M.	56	1					57
414	Elysburg	Elysburg	2	Thur. F. M. ...	36		1	1		2	34
415	Canton	Canton	16	Tues. F. M. ...	112	1	11	3	1	3	117
416	Oasis	Edinboro	24	2d & 4th Tues.	33	1	3		1		36
417	Christiana	Christiana	1	Thur. F. M. ...	119	2	10		2	4	125
418	Roman	Rome	16	Sat. F. M.	45			2	1	1	41
419	Wm. B. Schnider ..	Philadelphia	A	2d Tues.	393	5	31	2	1	10	416

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420	Fritz	Conshohocken ...	6	3d Tues.....	126		8			1	133
421	Osceola	Osceola	17	2d Fri.....	40		2		1		41
423	Shrewsbury	Shrewsbury	4	Tues. F. M...	70		7				77
424	Adelphic	Jamestown.....	26	1st & 3d Tues.	48		1		1		48
425	Waterford.....	Waterford	24	Tues. F. M...	60	1	2	1	1		61
426	Cressona.....	Cressona	11	Thur. F. M...	59		2		2		59
427	Newtown.....	Newtown	8	Wed. F. M...	98		2	1	1		98
428	Smithfield.....	East Smithfield..	16	*	30		1				31
429	Harmony	Zelienople.....	37	Thur. F. M...	49		11			1	59
430	Stuckrath	Allegheny	32	2d Thur.....	356	5	38	4	2	2	391
431	Williamson	Saltsburg	39	1st Tues.....	44		3			1	46
432	.....	Philadelphia	A	2d Thur.....	244	3	15	9	1	4	248
433	Lodge of the Craft..	New Castle.....	26	3d Tues.....	169	5	25	5	1	5	188
434	Lake	Sandy Lake.....	26	2d Thur.....	96	1	6		1		102
435	St. John's.....	Reading.....	7	1st Fri.....	175	2	23	1	1	3	195
436	Mozart	Philadelphia	A	2d Tues.....	234	7	16	3		6	248
437	Apollo	Apollo.....	39	2d Tues.....	71		7	1			77
438	Nicholson.....	Nicholson.....	15	Sat. F. M....	55	2	10		2		65
439	Forest City.....	Forest City.....	15	1st Mon.....	59		3		2	1	59
440	Slatington.....	Slatington.....	10	Thur. F. M...	79		5			1	83
441	Potter	Philadelphia ...	A	3d Fri.....	283		27	2	1	9	298
442	Landmark	Wilkes-Barre....	12	2d Mon.....	277	3	27	8		3	296
443	Mount Pisgah.....	Greencastle.....	3	Tues. F. M...	45		3			1	47
444	Philo.....	Philadelphia	A	3d Tues.....	182	10	24		1	4	211
445	Harford.....	Hop Bottom.....	15	Thurs. F. M..	49		4	2		1	50
446	Mount Pickering...	Upper Uwchlan ..	40	Mon. b. F. M.	121		11			1	131
447	Claysville	Claysville.....	29	Fri. F. M....	43	2	3		2		46
448	Zeredatha	Sharpsburg.....	32	2d Thur.....	140		29		1	3	165
449	Ivanhoe	Philadelphia	A	2d Thur.....	201	6	17	4		6	214
450	Stephen Girard	"	A	4th Wed....	160		14			1	173
451	Zeredatha	York	42	†	108		12	2			118
453	Welcome.....	Philadelphia	A	3d Thur.....	204		16	1			219
454	Richard Vaux.....	Burgettstown....	29	4th Fri.....	70	1	4		2		73
455	Keystone.....	Erie	24	3d Tues.....	183	3	11	3		1	193
456	Covenant	Philadelphia	A	2d Tues.....	211	3	19			5	228
457	St. James.....	Beaver.....	37	Thur F. M...	122	1	7	2		1	127
458	Perry.....	Marysville	19	1st Tues.....	68					1	67
459	Valley.....	Masontown.....	31	Thur. F. M...	74	1	11				86
460	Oriental.....	Orangeville.....	35	F. M. Tues...	63		1		7		57
461	Monongahela Valley	Coal Centre	29	3d Mon.....	67		7	1	4		69
462	Knapp.....	Berwick	12	F. M. Fri....	89		20		1	2	106
463	Shepherd.....	Titusville	25	1st & 3d Mon.	72		7		1	2	76
464	Robert Burns.....	Harrisburg	2	3d Thur.....	307	1	37		1	4	340
465	Hebron.....	New Oxford.....	4	3d Mon.....	56	1	2	2		1	56
466	Kingsbury	Olyphant	13	1st Fri.....	57	3	6				66
467	Laurel	White Haven....	12	Mon. F. M...	64	2				1	65
468	Wyoming	Wyoming.....	12	Last Fri.....	52		12	2	1		61
469	Saucon	Coopersburg.....	10	Tues. F. M...	38		2				40
470	Palestine	Philadelphia	A	2d Thur.	168	3	12			1	182
471	Le Ray.....	Le Raysville....	16	Sat. F. M....	46		2	2		1	45
472	Mount Hermon....	Uniondale.....	15	Fri. F. M....	39		6			1	44

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473	Covenant	Cambridge Spr'gs	25	2d & 4th Fri..	86	2	8	2	1	1	92
474	Coalville.....	Ashley.....	12	2d Tues.....	112	5	6			1	122
475	Kennett.....	Kennett Square..	36	Thur. F. M...	114		8		6	1	115
476	Lamberton	Lancaster	1	1st Tues.....	203	2	10			3	212
477	Westfield	Westfield	17	Sat. F. M....	100	2	9	4	2	4	101
478	Beaver Valley	Beaver Falls.....	37	3d Tues.....	127	1	6		2	3	129
479	Union	Birdsboro	7	Thur. F. M...	80		3				83
480	Noble.....	Curwensville	21	Tues. F. M...	80		8			2	86
481	St. Paul's.....	Philadelphia	A	1st Thur.....	414	7	27		1	6	441
482	Athelstan.....	"	A	1st Tues.....	168	3	5	2		4	170
483	Fraternal	Rouseville.....	23	1st & 3d Wed.	66	2	6		1		73
484	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	28	2d Mon.....	447	4	43	1	3	4	486
485	Glasgow	Smith's Ferry ...	37	Wed. F. M...	57		6			1	62
486	Prince Edwin	Middletown	2	1st Mon.....	84	1	2			1	86
487	Rob't A. Lamberton	Philadelphia	A	1st Tues.....	183	1	16			2	198
490	Logan	Altoona.....	20	1st Tues.....	206	2	12	2	1	1	216
491	Excelsior	Philadelphia	A	3d Wed.....	172	2	14	3	1	1	183
493	Crescent	"	A	2d Mon.....	210	2	15	5		6	216
494	Tyrone	Tyrone	20	3d Mon.....	151	1	8	2			158
495	Renovo.....	Renovo	33	1st Tues.....	104		6				110
496	Charles M. Howell.	Millersville.....	1	Fri. F. M....	51		6				57
498	Pine	Linesville.....	25	1st Tues.....	44	3		1			46
499	Valley.....	Pittston.....	12	1st Thur.....	114		8		2	2	118
500	Wm. C. Hamilton.	Philadelphia	A	3d Wed.....	371	5	27	5	1	4	393
502	Pollock	Tarentum	32	1st Thur.....	114	1	21	2	1	3	130
503	Riverside.....	Wrightsville	42	3d Mon.....	44	1			1	1	43
504	Moscow	Moscow.....	13	Fri. F. M....	56		2	1	1		56
505	Liberty	Port Allegany...	22	1st Tues.....	53	1	4		1	1	56
506	Jerusalem.....	Philadelphia	A	2d Thur.....	185		17		1	2	199
507	New Milford.....	New Milford	15	3d Wed.....	37		1				38
508	Dallas	Pittsburgh	28	1st Fri.....	511	2	66			6	573
509	Germania	"	28	2d Fri.....	105		15		1	1	118
510	Braddock's Field...	Braddock	38	3d Tues.....	272	1	14		1	3	283
511	Shenandoah	Shenandoah	11	Wed. b. F. M.	84		9		1	3	89
512	Quakertown.....	Quakertown.....	8	Thur. F. M...	84		3			1	86
513	Guyasuta.....	Pittsburgh	28	3d Tues.....	137	2	13	1		4	147
515	Osceola	Osceola Mills....	21	2d Mon.....	116		8		1	1	122
516	Mahoning	Danville	35	2d Tues.....	119		5	1		1	122
517	Sharpsville.....	Sharpsville.....	26	1st & 3d Mon.	44	1	3				48
518	Westmoreland	Greensburg.....	30	3d Tues.....	137	3	5	1		2	142
519	Gothic	Philadelphia	A	3d Thur.....	195		11	4		4	198
520	Canby	St. Petersburg...	27	1st Thur.....	74	1	5				80
521	Parker City.....	Parker's Landing	27	1st Mon.....	72		4				76
522	New Bethlehem ...	New Bethlehem..	27	1st Wed.....	111		16	5	1		121
523	Aurora	Jermyn.....	13	3d Tues.....	50		8				58
524	Everett	Everett.....	34	Fri. F. M....	103	1	4			1	107
525	Ionic.....	Allegheny	32	3d Mon.....	306	1	37	2		3	339
526	Stephen Bayard....	Elizabeth	38	Wed. F. M...	93		5			1	97
527	Philates.....	Philadelphia	A	2d Fri.....	192		9	11	2	5	183
528	Mount Horeb.....	"	A	2d Tues.....	175	2	15		3	3	186
529	St. Alban.....	"	A	1st Thur.....	214	3	9	6	2	4	214

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530	Bellevue.....	Bellevue.....	32	3d Mon.	156		24			3	177
531	George M. Dallas..	Dallas.....	12	Thur. F. M...	49		7			4	52
532	Driftwood.....	Driftwood.....	33	2d Fri.....	72		5		2		75
533	Wattsburg.....	Wattsburg.....	24	2d Fri.....	41				1	1	39
534	John W. Jenks....	Punxsutawney ..	21	1st Tues.....	116	1	9			1	125
535	Oakland.....	Pittsburgh.....	28	4th Fri.....	132		15			2	145
536	John M. Reed.....	Reynoldsville....	27	2d Tues.....	72		8			1	79
537	Old Fort.....	Centre Hall.....	21	Mon. F. M...	66		3		1	2	66
538	Johnstown.....	Johnstown.....	41	1st Thur.....	149	4	20		1	3	169
539	Woodbury.....	Roaring Spring..	20	Thur. F. M...	66		3				69
540	Argyle.....	Chicora.....	27	Wed. F. M...	131	1	9			4	137
541	Nanticoke.....	Nanticoke.....	12	2d Thur.....	111		9		1	1	118
542	Waymart.....	Waymart.....	14	Tues. F. M...	38	1		3			36
543	Fernwood.....	Philadelphia.....	A	4th Thur.....	260	5	16	3		3	275
544	Centennial.....	Carnegie.....	28	1st Mon.....	229	4	23	6	3	4	243
545	New London.....	West Grove.....	36	Mon. F. M...	53		7	3			57
546	Duquesne.....	Pittsburgh.....	28	2d Thur.....	307	6	33	6		6	334
547	Stillwater.....	Sugar Grove.....	23	Fri. F. M...	50		1		1		50
548	Verona.....	Verona.....	38	1st Tues.....	73		10	1	2		80
549	Reading.....	Reading.....	7	4th Thur.....	178	1	8				187
550	Edenburg.....	Edenburg.....	27	1st Tues.....	41	1	1	1		1	41
551	Casiphia.....	Mount Joy.....	1	Fri. F. M...	54		2	3			53
552	Allegheny Valley..	Emlenton.....	27	2d Mon.....	76	4	3		2		81
553	Spring City.....	Spring City.....	40	Thur. F. M...	110		8	4		1	113
554	Meyersdale.....	Meyersdale.....	41	1st Mon.....	97	3	6			1	105
555	Northern Star.....	Duke Centre.....	22	1st & 3d Tues.	82	2	1			1	84
556	Lewisville.....	Ulysses.....	22	1st & 3d Wed.	46	1	2		1		48
557	Olive.....	Tionesta.....	23	1st Mon.....	57	1	6	4	2		58
558	Shiloh.....	Lansdale.....	6	Tues. F. M...	89		8				97
559	Garfield.....	Du Bois.....	21	1st Thur.....	154		17		1	1	169
560	Eldred.....	Eldred.....	22	2d & 4th Tues.	72	1	4	2	1	1	73
561	Greenleaf.....	Allentown.....	10	3d Thur.....	130	2	14	1		3	142
562	Marion.....	Scottdale.....	30	1st Thur.....	103		12			1	114
563	Hellertown.....	Hellertown.....	9	Fri. F. M...	48					1	47
564	Coatesville.....	Coatesville.....	5	Thur. F. M...	113		16			1	128
565	Bangor.....	Bangor.....	9	2d Wed.....	84		4		1	1	86
566	Kane.....	Kane.....	33	1st Wed.....	100	1	15		6	1	109
567	Prosperity.....	Riegelsville.....	8	Fri. F. M...	52		3	2		1	52
568	La Monte.....	Derry Station....	30	Last Thur....	74		5		2		77
569	Keystone.....	Parkesburg.....	5	F. M. Fri...	71		3	1		1	72
570	Ashlar.....	Wiconisco.....	2	Tues. F. M...	89		6		1		94
571	Wilcox.....	Wilcox.....	33	1st & 3d Tues.	57		7		2		62
572	Cromwell.....	Orbisonia.....	34	Last Tues....	46	1	15			1	61
573	Corinthian.....	Millvale Borough	32	1st Wed.....	114		5	6		1	112
574	Coalport.....	Coalport.....	21	4th Mon.....	72		4		1		75
575	Hebron.....	Mercer.....	26	2d Mon.....	87	1	10		1		97
576	Crescent.....	Pittsburgh.....	28	1st Mon.....	238	1	19	2	1	2	253
577	Leechburg.....	Leechburg.....	27	2d Thur.....	57		9	1	1		64
578	Prospect.....	Moores.....	36	1st Thur.....	66	3	14	2	3		78
579	Acacia.....	Taylor.....	13	1st Mon.....	95		12	2		3	102
580	Arcana.....	Austin.....	22	2d & 4th Wed.	60	3	2			1	64

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581	Wayne	Wayne	6	3d Tues.	80		8	3			85
582	Homestead.....	Homestead	38	3d Mon.	132		33	2			163
583	Youghiogheny.....	McKeesport	38	3d Tues.	179		51	2		3	225
584	King Solomon....	Dunmore.....	13	1st Mon.	69	1	2	4			68
585	Royersford	Royersford	40	Fri. F. M. ...	74	1	6			1	80
586	Acacia.....	Waynesboro.....	4	3d Fri.....	74		3		1		76
587	Manheim	Manheim	1	Mon. F. M. ...	87		9		5	1	90
588	Oriental Star	Peckville	13	3d Tues.	74		1			1	74
589	Hyndman.....	Hyndman.....	34	3d Mon.	47		8		1		54
590	Orient.....	Wilkinsburg	38	1st Tues.	224	5	36	1	1		263
591	Equity.....	Philadelphia	A	2d Wed.	139	1	17	5	4	2	146
592	Adelphia	Harrison Valley..	22	2d & 4th Tues.	38	2	5				45
593	Blyth	West Newton ...	30	Mon. F. M. ...	79	1	10		2		88
594	Pen Argyl	Pen Argyl	9	1st Thur.....	54		4	1	1	1	55
595	Perkiomen	East Greenville..	40	F. M. Tues. ...	39	1	6				46
596	MacCalla	Sellersville	8	2d Mon.	59		4		1		62
597	Green Ridge.....	Scranton	13	2d Mon.	91	1	19				111
598	Sharon	Shingle House...	22	2d & 4th Thur.	48	1	8	1		1	55
599	Ellwood	Ellwood City....	26	3d Tues.	55	1	3		1		58
600	Tacony	Philadelphia	A	3d Tues.	99	1	13				113
601	Shidle	Irwin	30	1st Tues.	59		6				65
602	Galeton.....	Galeton.....	22	1st & 3d Tues.	71		8	3	1	1	74
603	Grove City.....	Grove City.....	26	3d Tues.	70	1	7			1	77
604	Garfield	McDonald	29	2d & 4th Tues.	113		6	3	4	1	111
605	E. Coppée Mitchell	Philadelphia	A	3d Mon.	130	4	18		2		150
606	Radiant Star.....	"	A	1st Tues.	74		13		2	1	84
607	Olivet	"	A	4th Tues.	154	5	30				189
608	Joppa	Pittsburgh	28	1st Tues.	105	1	13		1	1	117
609	Progress	Philadelphia	A	4th Wed.	128	1	14		2		141
610	University.....	"	A	4th Fri.....	367	10	53		2		428
611	Arbutus	Freeland.....	12	3d Tues.	85		5		1	1	88
612	Tyrian	Wilmerding.....	38	1st Thur.....	78	1	8				87
613	Valley.....	Turtle Creek....	38	2d Tues.	86	1	13				100
614	James Cochran	Dawson.....	31	2d Tues.	52		2		1		53
615	Charleroi.....	Charleroi.....	29	2d Thur.....	92	5	33		3		127
616	Hiram	Altoona.....	20	3d Thur.....	72		8	1		3	76
617	Kiskiminetas.....	Vandergrift.....	39	1st Tues.	62		6		2		66
618	Wyalusing.....	Wyalusing.....	16	Wed F. M. ...	48	1	3				52
619	Middleburg	Middleburg	35	*	45		3			1	47
620	Norristown	Norristown.....	6	3d Mon.....	122		13	1		2	132
621	Lehighton	Lehighton	10	1st Thur.....	40		7				47
622	Whitfield.....	Nazareth.....	9	2d Mon.....	32		10	1			41
623	Sunset	Washington.....	29	3d Mon.....	24	3	18				45
624	Henry W. Williams	Philadelphia	A	3d Tues.	21		13				34
625	Concord.....	Concordville....	36	Wed. F. M. ...		11	31		1		41

* No. 619 meets evening before Full Moon, except when Moon is full on Monday; then that evening.

SUMMARY.

Number of Lodges December 27, 1901.....	439	
Lodges constituted during the year 1902	<u>1</u>	
Number of Lodges December 27, 1902....	440	
Membership of Lodges December 27, 1901.....		59,826
Admitted during the year 1902	559	
Initiated during the year 1902	<u>4,612</u>	<u>5,171</u>
		64,997
Suspended and expelled during the year 1902....	506	
Resigned during the year 1902.....	348	
Deceased during the year 1902.....	<u>1,046</u>	<u>1,900</u>
Membership December 27, 1902.....		63,097
Membership December 27, 1901.....		<u>59,826</u>
Increase during the year 1902.....		3,271

A TABULAR STATEMENT

Of the Lodges included in each District, with the name and residence of each District Deputy Grand Master. The Lodges in the City and County of Philadelphia are under the direct supervision of the Right Worshipful Grand Master.

District.	DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.	RESIDENCE.	LODGE.		LOCATION OF LODGE.	
			Name.	No.	City or Town.	County.
	Under the R. W. Grand Master.	Philadelphia.....	.....	2	Philadelphia.....	Philadelphia.
			.....	3	"	"
			.....	9	"	"
			Montgomery.....	19	"	"
			.....	51	"	"
			Harmony.....	52	"	"
			Washington.....	59	"	"
			Concordia.....	67	"	"
			La Fayette.....	71	"	"
			Philadelphia.....	72	"	"
			Hiram.....	81	"	"
			Columbia.....	91	"	"
			Solomon's.....	114	"	"
			St. John's.....	115	"	"
			Union.....	121	"	"
			Hermann.....	125	"	"
			Rising Star.....	126	"	"
			Phoenix.....	130	"	"
			Industry.....	131	"	"

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			Name.	No.	City or Town.	County.
	Under the R. W. Grand Master.	Philadelphia.....	Franklin	134	Philadelphia	Philadelphia.
			Roxborough	135	"	"
			Mount Moriah	155	"	"
			Meridian Sun	158	"	"
			Eastern Star	186	"	"
			Integrity	187	"	"
			Kensington	211	"	"
			Richmond	230	"	"
			Shekinah	246	"	"
			Keystone	271	"	"
			Hamilton	274	"	"
			Orient	289	"	"
			Frankford	292	"	"
			Melita	295	"	"
			Mitchell	296	"	"
			Humboldt	359	"	"
			Corinthian	368	"	"
			Williamson	369	"	"
			Pennsylvania	380	"	"
			Richard Vaux	384	"	"
			Oriental	385	"	"
			Apollo	386	"	"
			Vaux	393	"	"
			Perkins	402	"	"
			Wm. B. Schnider	419	"	"
			.....	432	"	"
			Mozart	436	"	"
			Potter	441	"	"
			Philo	444	"	"

		Ivanhoe	449	Philadelphia	Philadelphia.
		Stephen Girard	450	"	"
		Welcome	453	"	"
		Covenant	456	"	"
		Palestine	470	"	"
		St. Paul's	481	"	"
		Athelstan	482	"	"
		Robt. A. Lamberton ..	487	"	"
		Excelsior	491	"	"
		Crescent	493	"	"
		Wm. C. Hamilton	500	"	"
		Jerusalem	506	"	"
		Gothic	519	"	"
		Philates	527	"	"
		Mount Horeb	528	"	"
		St. Alban	529	"	"
		Fernwood	543	"	"
		Equity	591	"	"
		Taony	600	"	"
		E. Coppée Mitchell ..	605	"	"
		Radiant Star	606	"	"
		Olivet	607	"	"
		Progress	609	"	"
		University	610	"	"
		Henry W. Williams ..	624	"	"
		Colonial	631	"	"
		.....	43	Lancaster	Lancaster.
		Washington	156	Quarryville	"
		Christiana	417	Christiana	"
		Lamberton	476	Lancaster	"
		Charles M. Howell ..	496	Millersville	"
		Casiphia	551	Mount Joy	"
		Manheim	587	Manheim	"
		Perseverance	21	Harrisburg	Dauphin.
1	John W. Lansing...	Millersville, Lancaster Co.			
2	William L. Gorgas....	Harrisburg, Dauphin Co.			

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			Name.	No.	City or Town.	County.
3	Samuel M. Goodyear..	Carlisle, Cumberland Co.	Susquehanna	364	Millersburg	Dauphin.
			Robert Burns	464	Harrisburg	"
			Prince Edwin	486	Middletown	"
			Ashlar	570	Wiconisco	"
			Harrisburg	629	Harrisburg	"
			.....	22	Sunbury	Northumberland.
			Maclay	632	"	"
			Shamokin	255	Shamokin	"
			Mount Carmel	378	Mount Carmel	"
			Elysburg	414	Elysburg	"
			Mount Lebanon	226	Lebanon	Lebanon.
			Cumberland Star	197	Carlisle	Cumberland.
			St. John's	260	"	"
			Eureka	302	Mechanicsburg	"
			Cumberland Valley ..	315	Shippensburg	"
			Big Spring	361	Newville	"
			George Washington ..	143	Chambersburg	Franklin.
			Orrstown	262	Orrstown	"
			Mount Pisgah	443	Green Castle	"
			Good Samaritan	336	Gettysburg	Adams.
4	George H. Shirk	Hanover, York Co	Hebron	465	New Oxford	"
			Patmos	348	Hanover	York.
5	David H. Weaver	Coatesville, Chester Co...	Shrewsbury	423	Shrewsbury	"
			Acacia	586	Waynesboro'	Franklin.
			Williamson	309	Downingtown	Chester.
			West Chester	322	West Chester	"
			Thomson	340	Green Tree Station ..	"
			Skerrett	343	Cochranville	"
			Goddard	383	Coatesville	"

6	Thaddeus S. Adle.....	Norristown, Montg'y Co.	Howell.....	405	Honeybrook.....	Chester.
			Coatesville	564	Coatesville	"
			Keystone	569	Parkesburg	"
			Charity	190	Norristown	Montgomery.
			Cassia	273	Ardmore.....	"
			Warren	310	Trappe.....	"
			Fritz.....	420	Conshohocken	"
			Shiloh	558	Lansdale.....	"
			Norristown	620	Norristown	"
			Wayne	581	Wayne	Delaware.
7	Adam H. Schmehl.....	Reading, Berks Co.....	.....	62	Reading	Berks.
			Chandler	227	"	"
			Williamson	307	Womelsdorf.....	"
			Teutonia	367	Reading ..	"
			Huguenot	377	Kutztown	"
			Vaux	406	Hamburg	"
			St. John's.....	435	Reading	"
			Union	479	Birdsboro'	"
			Reading	549	Reading	"
			Bristol	25	Bristol.....	Bucks.
8	Charles S. Vandegrift..	Eddington, Bucks Co....	Doylestown.....	245	Doylestown	"
			Newtown	427	Newtown	"
			Quakertown	512	Quakertown.....	"
			Prosperity	567	Riegelsville	"
			MacCalla.....	596	Sellersville	"
			Fort Washington....	308	Fort Washington ...	Montgomery
			Friendship	400	Jenkinson	"
			W. K. Bray.....	410	Hatboro'	"
			Easton	152	Easton.....	Northampton.
			Bethlehem	283	Bethlehem	"
9	William M. Semple.....	Easton, N'thampt'n Co..	Portland	311	Portland	"
			Dallas.....	396	Easton	"
			Manoquesy	413	Bath	"
			Hellertown	563	Hellertown	"

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			Name.	No.	City or Town.	County.
10	John J. Hittle.....	Allentown, Lehigh Co. . .	Bangor	565	Bangor	Northampton.
			Pen Argyl.....	594	Pen Argyl	"
			Whitfield.....	622	Nazareth	"
			Barger	325	Stroudsburg	Monroe.
			J. Simpson Africa. . .	628	East Stroudsburg . . .	"
			Carbon.....	242	Mauch Chunk.....	Carbon.
			Lehighton	621	Lehighton	"
			Porter	284	Catasauqua	Lehigh.
			Lehigh.....	326	Trexlerstown.....	"
			Barger	333	Allentown	"
11	Matthew M. MacMillan	Mahanoy City, Sch 'k'l Co.	Slatington	440	Slatington	"
			Saucon.....	469	Coopersburg	"
			Greenleaf.....	561	Allentown	"
			Hazle	327	Hazleton	Luzerne.
			Schuylkill	138	Orwigsburg	Schuylkill.
			Pulaski	216	Pottsville.....	"
			Minersville	222	Minersville	"
			Tamaqua.....	238	Tamaqua	"
			Swatara.....	267	Tremont.....	"
			Page.....	270	Schuylkill Haven. . .	"
12	William D. White....	Wilkes-Barre, Luz'ne Co.	Anthracite	285	St. Clair.....	"
			Ashland.....	294	Ashland	"
			Mahanoy City.....	357	Mahanoy City.....	"
			Pine Grove.....	409	Pine Grove.....	"
			Cressona	426	Cressona	"
			Shenandoah	511	Shenandoah	"
			.....	61	Wilkes-Barre	Luzerne.
			St. John's.....	233	Pittston	"
			Plymouth	332	Plymouth.....	"

13	Thomas F. Wells.....	Scranton, Lackaw'na Co.	Sylvania	354	Shickshinny.....	Luzerne.
			Kingston	395	Kingston	"
			Landmark	442	Wilkes-Barre	"
			Laurel	467	White Haven	"
			Wyoming	468	Wyoming	"
			Coalville	474	Ashley	"
			Valley	499	Pittston	"
			George M. Dallas	531	Dallas	"
			Nanticoke	541	Nanticoke	"
			Arbutus	611	Freeland	"
			Knapp	462	Berwick	Columbia.
			Carbondale	249	Carbondale	Lackawanna.
			Hiram	261	Scranton	"
			Union	291	"	"
			Waverly	301	Clark's Summit....	"
			Peter Williamson	323	Scranton	"
			Hyde Park	339	"	"
			Schiller	345	"	"
			Kingsbury	466	Olyphant	"
			Moscow	504	Moscow	"
			Aurora	523	Jermyn	"
			Acacia	579	Taylor	"
			King Solomon	584	Dunmore	"
			Oriental Star	588	Peckville	"
14	William H. Hulsizer...	Honesdale, Wayne Co...	Green Ridge	597	Scranton	"
			Factoryville	341	Factoryville	Wyoming.
			Honesdale	218	Honesdale	Wayne.
			Hawley	305	Hawley	"
			Salem	330	Hamlington	"
			Waymart	542	Waymart	"
			Milford	344	Milford	Pike.
			Warren	240	Montrose	Susquehanna.
			Freedom	328	Jackson	"
			Great Bend	338	Great Bend	"
15	William J. Day.....	Great Bend, Susq'a Co. ...				

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16	James Wilson Piatt....	Tunkhannock, Wyo'g Co.	Canawacta	360	Susquehanna	Susquehanna.
			Forest City	439	Forest City	"
			Harford	445	Hop Bottom	"
			Mount Hermon	472	Uniondale	"
			New Milford	507	New Milford	"
			Nicholson	438	Nicholson	Wyoming.
			Rural Amity	70	Athens	Bradford.
			Union	108	Towanda	"
			Evergreen	163	Monroeton	"
			Trojan	306	Troy	"
			Canton	415	Canton	"
			Roman	418	Rome	"
			Smithfield	428	East Smithfield	"
			Le Ray	471	Le Raysville	"
			Wyalusing	618	Wyalusing	"
			Temple	248	Tunkhannock	Wyoming.
17	Wentworth D. Vedder.	Mansfield, Tioga Co.	Franklin	263	Laceyville	"
			Friendship	247	Mansfield	Tioga.
			Ossea	317	Wellsboro'	"
			Bloss	350	Blossburg	"
			Cowanesque	351	Knoxville	"
			Tioga	373	Tioga	"
			Osceola	421	Osceola	"
			Westfield	477	Westfield	"
			.....	106	Williamsport	Lycoming
			La Belle Vallée	232	Jersey Shore	"
18	James A. Pugh	Williamsport, Lyco'g Co.	Muncy	299	Muncy	"
			Eureka	335	Montoursville	"
			Ivy	397	Williamsport	"

19	Ezra C. Doty.....	Mifflintown, Juniata Co.	Watson town	401	Watson town	Northumberland.
			Charity	144	Lewisburg	Union.
			Mifflinburg	370	Mifflinburg	"
			Adams	319	New Bloomfield	Perry.
			Newport	381	Newport	"
			Perry	458	Marysville	"
			Lewistown	203	Lewistown	Mifflin.
			McVeytown	376	McVeytown	"
			Union	324	Mifflintown	Juniata.
			Lamberton	371	Thompstontown	"
20	Boyd G. Steel.....	Altoona, Blair Co.....	Portage	220	Hollidaysburg	Blair.
			Mountain	281	Altoona	"
			Juniata	282	Hollidaysburg	"
			Logan	490	Altoona	"
			Tyrone	494	Tyrone	"
			Woodbury	539	Roaring Spring	"
			Hiram	616	Altoona	"
			Bellefonte	268	Bellefonte	Centre
			Moshannon	391	Phillipsburg	"
			Old Fort	537	Centre Hall	"
21	Wilson I. Fleming....	Bellefonte, Centre Co....	Clearfield	314	Clearfield	Clearfield.
			Noble	480	Curwensville	"
			Osceola	515	Osceola Mills	"
			Garfield	559	Du Bois	"
			Coalport	574	Coalport	"
			John W. Jenks	534	Punxsutawney	Jefferson.
			Union	334	Bradford	McKean
			McKean	388	Smethport	"
			Liberty	505	Port Allegany	"
			Northern Star	555	Duke Centre	"
22	Solomon R. Dresser....	Bradford, McKean Co....	Eldred	560	Eldred	"
			Mount Jewett	627	Mount Jewett	"
			Eulalia	342	Coudersport	Potter.
			Lewisville	556	Ulysses	"

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			Name.	No.	City or Town.	County.
23	William F. Cullis	Oil City, Venango Co.	Arcana	580	Austin	Potter.
			Adelphi	592	Harrison Valley	"
			Sharon	598	Shingle House	"
			Galeton	602	Galeton	"
			North Star	241	Warren	Warren.
			Columbus	264	Columbus	"
			Temple	412	Tidioute	"
			Stillwater	547	Sugar Grove	"
			Myrtle	316	Franklin	Venango
			Petrolia	363	Oil City	"
			Fraternal	483	Rouseville	"
			Olive	557	Tionesta	Forest.
			Western Star	304	Albion	Erie.
			Lake Erie	347	Girard	"
			Tyrian	362	Erie	"
			Corry	365	Corry	"
24	David A. Sawdey	Erie, Erie Co.	Eureka	366	Union City	"
			Perry	392	Erie	"
			North East	399	North East	"
			Oasis	416	Edinboro'	"
			Waterford	425	Waterford	"
			Keystone	455	Erie	"
			Wattsburg	533	Wattsburg	"
			Crawford	234	Meadville	Crawford.
			Western Crawford	258	Conneautville	"
			Oil Creek	303	Titusville	"
			Spartan	372	Spartansburg	"
			.....	408	Meadville	"
			Shepherd	463	Titusville	"
25	Adrian W. McCoy.	Meadville, Crawford Co.				

26	Walter D. Clark.....	New Castle, Lawrence Co.	Covenant..... Pine..... Mahoning..... Lodge of the Craft... Ellwood..... Sharon..... Eureka..... Kedron..... Adelphic..... Lake..... Sharpsville..... Hebron..... Grove City..... Butler..... Argyle..... Armstrong..... Kittanning..... Parker City..... Leechburg..... Hobah..... John M. Read..... Clarion..... Canby..... New Bethlehem..... Edenburgh..... Allegheny Valley... St. John's..... Franklin..... Solomon..... Washington..... Monongahela..... Milnor..... Hailman.....	473 498 243 433 599 250 290 389 424 434 517 575 603 272 540 239 244 521 577 276 536 277 520 522 550 552 45 219 221 231 253 269 287 321	Cambridge Springs.. Linesville..... New Castle..... " Ellwood City..... Sharon..... Greenville..... West Middlesex... Jamestown..... Sandy Lake..... Sharpsville..... Mercer..... Grove City..... Butler..... Chicora..... Freeport..... Kittanning..... Parker's Landing... Leechburg..... Brookville..... Reynoldsville..... Clarion..... St. Petersburg..... New Bethlehem... Edenburgh..... Emlenton..... Pittsburgh..... " " " " " " "	Crawford.. " Lawrence.. " " Mercer.. " " " " " " " Butler.. " Armstrong.. " " " Jefferson.. " Clarion.. " " " Venango.. Allegheny.. " " " " " " "
27	William B. Meredith..	Kittanning, Armstr'g Co.				
28	William M. Hamilton..	Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co.				

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			Name.	No.	City or Town.	County.
29	James W. McDowell..	Washington, Wash. Co.	McCandless.....	390	Pittsburgh	Allegheny.
			Pittsburgh.....	484	"	"
			Dallas.....	508	"	"
			Germania	509	"	"
			Guyasuta	513	"	"
			Oakland.....	535	"	"
			Centennial	544	Carnegie.....	"
			Duquesne	546	Pittsburgh	"
			Crescent.....	576	"	"
			Joppa.....	608	"	"
			Washington	164	Washington.....	Washington.
			Beallsville.....	237	Beallsville	"
			Chartiers	297	Canonsburg	"
			Henry M. Phillips...	337	Monongahela City ..	"
			Claysville	447	Claysville.....	"
			Richard Vaux.....	454	Burgettstown	"
			Monongahela Valley..	461	Coal Centre.....	"
			Garfield	604	McDonald	"
			Charleroi	615	Charleroi	"
			Sunset	623	Washington	"
30	John S. Sell.....	Greensburg, Westm'd Co.	Donora	626	Donora	Greene.
			Waynesburg.....	153	Waynesburg	Westmoreland.
			Philanthropy	225	Greensburg	"
			Loyalhanna	275	Latrobe.....	"
			Ligonier.....	331	Ligonier.....	"
			Westmoreland	518	Greensburg	"
			Marion.....	562	Scottdale.....	"
			La Monte.....	568	Derry Station.....	"
			Blyth.....	593	West Newton.....	"

31	John D. Carr.....	Uniontown, Fayette Co.	Shidle	601	Irwin	Westmoreland.
			Brownsville	60	Brownsville	Fayette.
			Fayette	228	Uniontown	"
			Gummert	252	Fayette City	"
			King Solomon	346	Connellsville	"
			Valley	459	Mason town	"
			James Cochran	614	Dawson	"
32	George H. Quail.....	Bellevue, Allegheny Co.	Allegheny	223	Allegheny	Allegheny.
			Jefferson	288	"	"
			McKinley	318	"	"
			Davag	374	"	"
			Stuckrath	430	"	"
			Zeredatha	448	Sharpsburg	"
			Pollock	502	Tarentum	"
			Ionic	525	Allegheny	"
			Bellevue	530	Bellevue	"
			Corinthian	573	Millvale Borough	"
			Doric	630	Sewickley	"
33	James Harris Mussina..	Lock Haven, Clinton Co..	La Fayette	199	Lock Haven	Clinton.
			Renovo	495	Renovo	"
			Elk	379	Ridgway	Elk.
			Wilcox	571	Wilcox	"
			Emporium	382	Emporium	Cameron.
			Driftwood	532	Driftwood	"
			Kane	566	Kane	McKean.
34	William L. Johnston ..	Huntingdon, Hunt'n Co.	Mount Moriah	300	Huntingdon	Huntingdon.
			Cromwell	572	Orbisonia	"
			Bedford	320	Bedford	Bedford.
			Everett	524	Everett	"
			Hyndman	589	Hyndman	"
35	John W. Farnsworth..	Danville, Montour Co....	Danville	224	Danville	Montour.
			Mahoning	516	"	"
			Washington	265	Bloomsburg	Columbia.
			Catawissa	349	Catawissa	"

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36	John D. Goff.....	Chester, Delaware Co....	Oriental	460	Orangeville	Columbia.
			Milton	256	Milton	Northumberland.
			Eureka	404	Northumberland	"
			La Fayette	194	Selin's Grove	Snyder.
			Middleburg	619	Middleburg	"
			Chester	236	Chester	Delaware.
			George W. Bartram ..	298	Media	"
			L. H. Scott	352	Chester	"
			Prospect	578	Moore's	"
			Concord	625	Concordville	"
			Oxford	353	Oxford	Chester.
			Kennett	475	Kennett Square	"
			New London	545	West Grove	"
			Rochester	229	Rochester	Beaver.
			Union	259	New Brighton	"
37	Frank C. O'Rourke....	New Brighton, Beaver Co.	St. James	457	Beaver	"
			Beaver Valley	478	Beaver Falls	"
			Glasgow	485	Smith's Ferry	"
			Harmony	429	Zelenople	Butler.
			Meridian	411	Enon Valley	Lawrence.
			Aliquippa	375	McKeesport	Allegheny.
			Braddock's Field	510	Braddock	"
			Stephen Bayard	526	Elizabeth	"
			Verona	548	Verona	"
			Homestead	582	Homestead	"
38	Samuel Hamilton	Braddock, Allegheny Co.	Youghioghny	583	McKeesport	"
			Orient	590	Wilkinsburg	"
			Tyrian	612	Wilmerding	"
			Valley	613	Turtle Creek	"

39	William S. Daugherty..	Indiana, Indiana Co.....	Indiana	313	Indiana.....	Indiana.
			Acacia	355	Blairsville	"
			Williamson.....	431	Saltsburg	"
			Apollo	437	Apollo	Armstrong.
			Kiskiminetas	617	Vandergrift	Westmoreland.
40	William H. Maxwell...	Pottstown, Montgo'ry Co.	Stichter	254	Pottstown.....	Montgomery.
			Royersford.....	585	Royersford	"
			Perkiomen.....	595	East Greenville.....	"
			Phoenix	75	Phoenixville.....	Chester.
			Spring City.....	553	Spring City.....	"
			Mt. Pickering.....	446	Upper Uwchlan.....	"
41	John J. Jones.....	Johnstown, Cambria Co..	Cambria.....	278	Johnstown.....	Cambria.
			Summit	312	Ebensburg.....	"
			Johnstown.....	538	Johnstown.....	"
			Somerset	358	Somerset.....	Somerset.
			Meyersdale	554	Meyersdale.....	"
42	Richard E. Cochran	York, York Co.....	York	266	York	York.
			Zeredatha	451	"	"
			Riverside	503	Wrightsville	"
			Columbia.....	286	Columbia	Lancaster.
			Ashara	398	Marietta	"

Brother William B. Joslyn, of Philadelphia, Instructor of Work.

GRAND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND

From its Organization on the 25th day of September, A.D. 1786, Grand Lodge of England, having been closed forever), with years

Year.	Grand Master.	Deputy Grand Master.	Senior Grand Warden.
1786 ¹	* William Adcock.	* Alexander Rutherford.†	* Joseph Dean.
1787 ²	do.	* Jonathan Bayard Smith.†	do.
1788 ³	do.	do.	do.
1789	* Jonathan Bayard Smith.	* George Ord.	do.
1790	do.	do.	* Joseph Few.
1791	do.	* Joseph Few.	* Thomas Proctor.
1792	do.	do.	do.
1793	do.	* John Carson.	* Gavin Hamilton
1794	do.	do.	* John McCree.
1795	* William Ball.	* William Moore Smith.	* Thomas Town.
1796	* William Moore Smith.	* Gavin Hamilton.	do.
1797	do.	do.	do.
1798	* Jonathan Bayard Smith.	do.	do.
1799	do.	* Israel Israel.	* James Milnor.
1800	do.	do.	do.
1801	do.	do.	do.
1802	do.	* James Milnor.	* John W. Van Cleve.
1803	* Israel Israel.	* John Armantiere Monges.	* Ebenezer Ferguson.
1804	do.	* James Milnor.	do.
1805	do.	* Frederick Wolbert.	* Robert Pullen
1806	* James Milnor.	do.	* Robert Lewis.
1807	do.	do.	do.
1808	do.	* Peter Le Barbier Duplessis.	do.
1809	do.	do.	* Richard Tybout.
1810	do.	do.	do.
1811	do.	do.	do.
1812	do.	do.	do.
1813	do.	* Richard Tybout.	* Joseph Burden.
1814	* Richard Tybout.	* Samuel F. Bradford.	do.
1815	* Samuel F. Bradford.	* Walter Kerr.	* Bayse Newcomb.
1816	* Walter Kerr.	* Bayse Newcomb.	* Joseph Barnes.
1817	do.	do.	do.
1818	* Bayse Newcomb.	* Joseph Barnes.	* Thomas Elliott.
1819	do.	do.	do.
1820	do.	* Thomas Elliott.	* Josiah Randall.
1821	do.	do.	do.
1822	* Josiah Randall.	* John Bannister Gibson.	* James Harper.
1823	do.	do.	do.
1824	* John Bannister Gibson.	* James Harper.	* Thomas Kittera.
1825	* James Harper.	* Thomas Kittera.	* Samuel Badger.
1826	* Thomas Kittera.	* Samuel Badger.	* Michael Nisbet.
1827	do.	do.	do.
1828	do.	do.	do.
1829	* Samuel Badger.	* Michael Nisbet.	* John Steele.
1830	do.	do.	do.
1831	* Michael Nisbet.	* John Steele.	* George M. Dallas.
1832	do.	do.	do.
1833	* John Steele.	* George M. Dallas.	* Tristram B. Freeman.
1834	do.	do.	do.
1835	* George M. Dallas.	* Tristram B. Freeman.	* Robert Toland.
1836	* Tristram B. Freeman.	* Robert Toland.	* John M. Read.
1837	* John M. Read.	* Samuel H. Perkins.	* William Stephens.
1838	do.	do.	* Joseph R. Chandler.
1839	* Samuel H. Perkins.	* Joseph R. Chandler.	* Cornelius Stevenson.
1840	do.	do.	do.

* Deceased.

† Appointed by Grand Master.

¹ Election held September 25.

² Election held January 2.

³ Election held December 17, 1787.

LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA,

A.L. 5786 (the Provincial Grand Lodge, under a Warrant from the of service, the Election occurring annually in December preceding.

Junior Grand Warden.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Secretary.	Year.
* William Delaney.	* Gavin Hamilton.	* Assheton Humphreys.	1786 ¹
* George Ord.	do.	do.	1787 ²
do.	do.	do.	1788 ³
* Joseph Few.	do.	do.	1789
* William McIlwaine.	do.	* P. Le Barbier Duplessis.	1790
* Gavin Hamilton.	* Benjamin Mason.	do.	1791
do.	do.	do.	1792
* John McCree.	* Edward Fox.	do.	1793
* Edward Fox.	* Gavin Hamilton.	do.	1794
* John Poor.	* John McElwee.	* Thomas Armstrong.	1795
do.	do.	do.	1796
* Thomas Armstrong.	do.	* George A. Baker.	1797
* David Irving.	do.	do.	1798
* Charles Patton.	do.	do.	1799
* Archibald Alexander.	do.	do.	1800
* John W. Van Cleve.	* Gavin Hamilton.	do.	1801
* Ebenezer Ferguson.	do.	do.	1802
* Robert Pullen.	do.	do.	1803
do.	do.	do.	1804
* Robert Poalk.	* Thomas Armstrong.	do.	1805
do.	do.	do.	1806
do.	do.	do.	1807
do.	* Samuel F. Bradford.	do.	1808
do.	do.	do.	1809
* Joseph Burden.	do.	do.	1810
do.	do.	do.	1811
do.	do.	do.	1812
* Samuel F. Bradford.	* Walter Kerr.	do.	1813
* Walter Kerr.	* Thomas Astley.	do.	1814
* Joseph Barnes.	* Richard Bache.	do.	1815
* Richard Bache.	* Joseph S. Lewis.	do. ⁴	1816
* Thomas Elliott.	do.	* George A. Baker, Jr.	1817
* Josiah Randall.	do.	do.	1818
do.	do.	do.	1819
* William McCorkle.	do.	do.	1820
* James Harper.	do.	do.	1821
* Thomas Kittera.	do.	do.	1822
do.	do.	do. ⁵	1823
* Samuel Badger.	do.	* Bernard Dahlgren.	1824
* Michael Nisbet.	do. ⁶	* Samuel H. Thomas.	1825
* John Steele.	* Robert Toland.	do.	1826
do.	do.	do.	1827
do.	* Solomon Allen.	do.	1828
* George M. Dallas.	* Randal Hutchinson.	do.	1829
do.	do.	do.	1830
* Tristram B. Freeman.	* Samuel M. Stewart.	do.	1831
do.	do.	* John M. Read.	1832
* Robert Toland.	* Cornelius Stevenson.	do.	1833
do.	do.	do.	1834
* John M. Read.	* Robinson R. Moore.	* Samuel M. Stewart.	1835
* Samuel H. Perkins.	do.	do.	1836
* Joseph R. Chandler.	do.	do.	1837
* Cornelius Stevenson.	do.	do.	1838
* Francis Cooper.	do.	do.	1839
* William Barger.	do.	* Michael Nisbet.	1840

⁴ Died after his re-election, in December, 1816; his son, George A. Baker, Jr., appointed.

⁵ Died October, 1823. Nathan R. Potts appointed.

⁶ Resigned, March 7, 1825. Robert Toland elected March 21, 1825.

Year.	Grand Master.	Deputy Grand Master.	Senior Grand Warden.
1841	* Joseph R. Chandler.	* Cornelius Stevenson.	* William Barger.
1842	do.	do.	do.
1843	* Cornelius Stevenson.	* William Barger.	* James Page.
1844	* William Barger.	* James Page.	* Peter Fritz.
1845	do.	do.	do.
1846	* James Page.	* Peter Fritz.	* William Whitney.
1847	do.	do.	do.
1848	* Peter Fritz.	* William Whitney.	* Anthony Bournonville.
1849	do.	do.	do.
1850	* William Whitney.	* Anthony Bournonville.	* James Hutchinson.
1851	do.	do.	do.
1852	* Anthony Bournonville.	* James Hutchinson.	* Peter Williamson.
1853	do.	do.	do.
1854	* James Hutchinson.	* Peter Williamson.	* John K. Mitchell.
1855	do.	do.	do.
1856	* Peter Williamson.	* John K. Mitchell.	* Henry M. Phillips.
1857	do.	do.	do.
1858	* John K. Mitchell. ³	* Henry M. Phillips.	* John Thomson.
1859	* Henry M. Phillips.	* John Thomson.	* David C. Skerrett.
1860	do.	do.	do.
1861	* John Thomson.	* David C. Skerrett.	* Lucius H. Scott.
1862	do.	do.	do.
1863	* David C. Skerrett.	* Lucius H. Scott.	* John L. Goddard.
1864	do.	do.	do.
1865	* Lucius H. Scott.	* John L. Goddard.	* Richard Vaux.
1866	do.	do.	do.
1867	* John L. Goddard. ⁵	* Richard Vaux.	* Robert A. Lamberton.
1868	* Richard Vaux.	* Robert A. Lamberton.	* Samuel C. Perkins.
1869	do.	do.	do.
1870	* Robert A. Lamberton.	* Samuel C. Perkins.	* Alfred R. Potter.
1871	do.	do.	do.
1872	* Samuel C. Perkins.	* Alfred R. Potter.	* Robert Clark.
1873	do.	do.	do.
1874	* Alfred R. Potter.	* Robert Clark.	* James Madison Porter.
1875	do.	do.	do.
1876	* Robert Clark.	* James Madison Porter.	* Michael Nisbet.
1877	do.	do.	do.
1878	* James Madison Porter.	* Michael Nisbet.	Samuel B. Dick.
1879	* Michael Nisbet.	Samuel B. Dick.	Conrad B. Day.
1880	do.	do.	do.
1881	Samuel B. Dick.	Conrad B. Day.	* E. Coppée Mitchell.
1882	do.	do.	do.
1883	Conrad B. Day.	* E. Coppée Mitchell.	* Joseph Eichbaum.
1884	do.	do.	do.
1885	* E. Coppée Mitchell.	* Joseph Eichbaum.	* Clifford P. MacCalla.
1886	do.	do.	do.
1887	* Joseph Eichbaum.	* Clifford P. MacCalla.	* J. Simpson Africa.
1888	do.	do.	do.
1889	* Clifford P. MacCalla.	* J. Simpson Africa.	* Michael Arnold.
1890	do.	do.	do.
1891	* J. Simpson Africa.	* Michael Arnold.	Matthias H. Henderson.
1892	do.	do.	do.
1893	* Michael Arnold.	Matthias H. Henderson.	William J. Kelly.
1894	do.	do.	do.
1895	Matthias H. Henderson.	William J. Kelly.	* Henry W. Williams.
1896	do.	do.	do.
1897	William J. Kelly.	* Henry W. Williams.	George E. Wagner.
1898	do.	do.	do.
1899	* Henry W. Williams. ⁷	George E. Wagner.	Edgar A. Tennis.
1900	George E. Wagner.	Edgar A. Tennis.	James W. Brown.
1901	do.	do.	do.
1902	Edgar A. Tennis.	James W. Brown.	George W. Kendrick, Jr.
1903	do.	do.	do.
1904	James W. Brown.	George W. Kendrick, Jr.	George B. Orlady.

* Deceased.

¹ Died, May, 1842. William H. Adams appointed, June 6.

² Died in office in January, 1851. Peter Williamson elected, March 3, 1851.

³ Grand Master Mitchell died in office, April 8, 1858.

Junior Grand Warden.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Secretary.	Year.
* John W. McGrath.	* Robinson R. Moore.	* Michael Nisbet.	1841
do.	* John Thomson.	do. ¹	1842
* Peter Fritz.	do.	* William H. Adams.	1843
* William Whitney.	do.	do.	1844
do.	do.	do.	1845
* Anthony Bournonville.	do.	do.	1846
do.	do.	do.	1847
* James Hutchinson.	do.	do.	1848
do.	do.	do.	1849
* Alexander Diamond.	do.	do.	1850
do. ²	do.	do.	1851
* John K. Mitchell.	do.	do.	1852
do.	do.	do.	1853
* Henry M. Phillips.	* Thomas E. Baxter.	do.	1854
do.	do.	do.	1855
* John Thomson.	do.	do.	1856
do.	* James Shields.	do.	1857
* David C. Skerrett.	* Peter Williamson.	do.	1858
* Lucius H. Scott.	do.	do.	1859
do.	do.	do.	1860
* John L. Goddard.	do.	do.	1861
do.	do.	do.	1862
* Richard Vaux.	do.	do.	1863
do.	do.	do.	1864
* Robert A. Lamberton.	do.	do.	1865
do.	do.	do. ⁴	1866
* Samuel C. Perkins.	do.	* John Thomson.	1867
* Alfred R. Potter.	do.	do.	1868
do.	do.	do.	1869
* Robert Clark.	do.	do.	1870
do.	do.	do.	1871
* James Madison Porter.	* Thomas Brown.	do.	1872
do.	do.	do.	1873
* Michael Nisbet.	Thomas R. Patton.	do.	1874
do.	do.	do.	1875
Samuel B. Dick.	do.	do.	1876
do.	do.	do.	1877
Conrad B. Day.	do.	do.	1878
* E. Coppée Mitchell.	do.	do.	1879
do.	do.	do.	1880
* Joseph Eichbaum	do.	* Michael Nisbet.	1881
do.	do.	do.	1882
* Clifford P. MacCalla.	do.	do.	1883
do.	do.	do.	1884
* J. Simpson Africa.	do.	do.	1885
do.	do.	do.	1886
* Michael Arnold.	do.	do.	1887
do.	do.	do.	1888
Matthias H. Henderson.	do.	do.	1889
do.	do.	do.	1890
William J. Kelly.	do.	do.	1891
do.	do.	do.	1892
* Henry W. Williams.	do.	do.	1893
do.	do.	do.	1894
George E. Wagner.	do.	do.	1895
do.	do.	do. ⁶	1896
Edgar A. Tennis.	do.	William A. Sinn.	1897
do.	do.	do.	1898
James W. Brown.	do.	do.	1899
George W. Kendrick, Jr.	do.	do.	1900
do.	do.	do.	1901
George B. Orlady.	do.	do.	1902
do.	do.	do.	1903
Charles M. Swain.	do.	do.	1904

⁴ Died, February 11, 1866. John Thomson appointed.

⁵ Grand Master Goddard died in office, July 17, 1867.

⁶ Died, May 7, 1896. William A. Sinn appointed, May 15, 1896.

⁷ Grand Master Williams died in office, January 25, 1899.





Engraved by Samuel Sartain Phil^a

Joseph Chandler

R.W. Grand Master,

1841-1842.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE,

FOR 1903.

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TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA:

THE COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE,—Brother LEE S. SMITH, of Franklin Lodge, No. 221; Brother OWEN M. COPELIN, of Robert Burns Lodge, No. 464; Brother WILLIAM N. SEIBERT, of Adams Lodge, No. 319; and Brother MURDOCH KENDRICK, of University Lodge, No. 610,—by its Chairman, JAMES M. LAMBERTON, of Perseverance Lodge, No. 21,—presents its Annual Report for the year A.D. 1903, A.L. 5903.

The death of the former Chairman, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother the Honorable MICHAEL ARNOLD, which occurred on April 24, 1903, was a great loss to the Craft, and is most sincerely mourned. At the Special Communication of the Grand Lodge, held the day of his burial, this writer paid a heart-felt, though very inadequate, tribute to the memory of this very able and much-beloved Brother.

To be advanced to a position which in the past has been held by such Brethren as (to mention but three) RICHARD VAUX, SAMUEL C. PERKINS, and MICHAEL ARNOLD, is a distinction greatly to be appreciated.

A review of the Proceedings of the various Grand Lodges shows great prosperity, in the increase of revenue and in the number of those seeking admission to the Craft, if, indeed,

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this latter is truly to be considered a sign of prosperity; and under these circumstances it has been very gratifying to see so many Grand Masters urging the greatest care and most diligent inquiry before admitting petitioners to the Lodges. Quality, not quantity, must be insisted upon.

We think that our Brethren will be especially interested in the accounts given by those who were present at our celebration, on November 5, 1902, of the Sesqui-centennial Anniversary of the Initiation of Brother GEORGE WASHINGTON into our Fraternity, and in the comments on the Memorial Volume issued by the Grand Lodge, containing a full account of that celebration. In this connection, the following, though somewhat personal, may be neither out of place nor without some interest. About four years ago, this writer accidentally learned that at a Special Communication of our Grand Lodge, held September 20, 1852, his father, the late Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother ROBERT A. LAMBERTON, LL.D., then the Worshipful Master of his (and the writer's) Lodge, Perseverance, No. 21, at Harrisburg, proposed "the celebration of the 4th of Nov. the day on which the Immortal Washington was Initiated as a Free Mason," but objection being raised (it being a *Special Communication*), the matter was not considered. As a consequence, there was no celebration of the centennial anniversary by the Grand Lodge, though the anniversary was celebrated in Philadelphia, Harrisburg, and other parts of the Jurisdiction. With regard to the sesqui-centennial anniversary, this writer determined to be at least in time with the suggestion, and at the Quarterly Communication held December 4, 1901, he conferred with Grand Master WAGNER, Deputy Grand Master TENNIS, and the Past Grand Masters; and, the suggestion meeting with general favor, he prepared and introduced at the Annual Grand Communication held December 27, 1901, his preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted, Grand Master TENNIS, in his inaugural, having cordially approved the celebration. As a result, a celebra-

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tion was held, which is universally conceded to have been worthy of the very interesting Masonic event commemorated and of this old Grand Lodge.

Nothing has been received from either Ireland or Victoria.

Sixty-six Proceedings of Jurisdictions have been received and reviewed as follows:

ALABAMA.....	1902	NEBRASKA.....	1903
ARIZONA	1902	NEVADA.....	1903
ARKANSAS	1902	NEW BRUNSWICK	1902
BRITISH COLUMBIA	1903	NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	1903
CALIFORNIA.....	1902	NEW JERSEY.....	1903
CANADA	1903	NEW MEXICO.....	1902
COLORADO	1903	NEW SOUTH WALES.....	1903
CONNECTICUT.....	1903	NEW YORK	1903
COSTA RICA.....	1903	NEW ZEALAND	1903
CUBA	1903	NORTH CAROLINA.....	1903
DELAWARE	1903	NORTH DAKOTA	1903
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA....	1902	NOVA SCOTIA.....	1902
ENGLAND	1903	OHIO	1902-1903
FLORIDA.....	1903	OKLAHOMA	1903
GEORGIA.....	1902	OREGON	1903
IDAHO	1903	PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND..	1903
ILLINOIS.....	1903	QUEBEC	1903
INDIAN TERRITORY..	1902-1903	RHODE ISLAND	1903
INDIANA.....	1903	SCOTLAND	1903
IOWA	1903	SOUTH AUSTRALIA	1903
KANSAS	1903	SOUTH CAROLINA	1902
KENTUCKY.....	1903	SOUTH DAKOTA.....	1903
LOUISIANA.....	1903	TENNESSEE	1903
MAINE	1903	TEXAS	1902
MANITOBA	1903	UTAH	1903
MARYLAND	1902	VERMONT.....	1903
MASSACHUSETTS	1903	VIRGINIA.....	1902
MICHIGAN	1903	WASHINGTON.....	1903
MINNESOTA	1903	WEST VIRGINIA	1902
MISSISSIPPI	1903	WESTERN AUSTRALIA.....	1903
MISSOURI	1903	WISCONSIN.....	1903
MONTANA.....	1902	WYOMING	1903

ALABAMA—1902.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama and its Masonic Jurisdiction began its Eighty-second Annual Grand Communication at the Masonic Temple, in the City of Montgomery, on Tuesday, December 2, A.D. 1902, and closed the following day, or, to be very accurate, very early on the morning of the third day.

Most Worshipful Brother RUSSELL M. CUNNINGHAM, Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master is very long, and is doubtless deserving of the commendation of the Committee to whom it was referred,—“eloquent and learned.” Unfortunately, as it seems to us, the Grand Master is compelled to report *every* decision, which makes the address unduly long. The Grand Master spoke some wise words with regard to the right use of the ballot; but we do not agree with his recommendation that a restoration to the rights and privileges of Masonry should also restore to membership in the Lodge from which the Brother was expelled.

The latter third of his address is taken up with an elaborate consideration of the traditional text-books of Masonry,—the “Divine Revelation” and the “Book of Nature,” the former being the “Sacred Cosmogony,” the latter the “Scientific Cosmogony.”

He reported that the amendment to the Constitution to provide for a fund for a widows’ and orphans’ home had been defeated, 196 Lodges, with a membership of 6162, voting no; 144, with a membership of 5321, voting yes; while 45, with a membership of 1044, made no report. A vote of 257 Lodges was necessary to carry the amendment.

Number of Lodges, including eight newly chartered, 387, a loss of 2; initiated, 1195; total membership, 13,494, a gain of 712. “Number of ministers, 902.” Receipts, including balance of \$5137.92, were \$11,802.62; disbursements, \$6167.42; balance, \$5635.20.

ALABAMA.

Special reports from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, favoring postponement of recognition of Costa Rica, the "Valle de Mexico," and "Ignacio Ramirez," were adopted.

There are many reports, which seem to have received careful preparation, and show that our Alabama Brethren transact a great deal of business at their Annual Grand Communication.

The amendment to the Constitution which would have admitted persons with artificial limbs was defeated, but we regret that the vote was so close.

A committee was appointed to raise funds to erect a monument to the memory of "Past Honorary Grand Master JAMES M. BRUNDIDGE," a greatly beloved Brother, who may well be honored by his surviving Brethren.

Our Iowa Brethren will be pleased with Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother B. DUDLEY WILLIAMS's poem, "Let us smile," with its refrain, "It's worth a million dollars, and it doesn't cost a cent."

An interesting occurrence was the presentation of a set of working-tools made from the wood of the old Lodge-room of "The Mother Lodge Kilwinning, No. 0," of Scotland.

One hundred dollars were appropriated to procure a suitable testimonial to be presented to the retiring Grand Master, Brother CUNNINGHAM (whose portrait forms the frontispiece of the Proceedings), "as a token of the love, honor, and esteem in which he is held by the Grand Lodge."

Eight Special Communications were held for the purpose of laying corner- or "foundation"-stones, as Brother CUNNINGHAM calls them.

Brother WILLIAM YATES TITCOMB writes the report on Foreign Correspondence, his fifth, a very full summary of sixty-five Proceedings in three hundred and eleven pages. Our Brother is tired of having his middle initial given incorrectly, so he gives the middle name in full. He is a vigorous writer, but courteous withal. He is opposed to any fellow-

ship with the Grand Orient of France, and to giving the use of Lodge-rooms for any but Masonic purposes; thinks the National flag is out of place in the Lodge-room; believes that the presence of the charter, or warrant, in the Lodge-room is essential; and that an expelled Brother cannot be restored to membership in the Lodge from which he was expelled except by the unanimous vote of the Lodge; in all of which we heartily concur. He seems fond of our old friend (?) "Captain Cuttle," whom he quotes repeatedly, and he does us the honor of quoting this writer's opinions several times.

Pennsylvania for 1901 receives over six pages of careful review; the appearance of the Proceedings receives commendation, as does our "discreet action" in refusing "to publish details of trials, demoralizing in their tendency."

Referring to Grand Master WAGNER's address, a "first-class paper," he endorses his decision refusing the use of Lodge-rooms for the "Eastern Star" society, and thinks the fact that no one of the twenty-six dispensations granted was for conferring degrees out of time "truly refreshing." We feel that we ought to say that in this Jurisdiction the authority to grant dispensations to pass, and pass and raise, is vested in the District Deputy Grand Masters.

Referring to the address of Grand Master TENNIS, "a well-written, interesting paper," he says,—

"His remarks concerning the antiquity of our Fraternity (or of its principles) were ingenious. As for ourselves, we do not care to wrestle with the question of the 'Grand Mastership of Moses,' contented with the reflection that, whether or not we took a hand in building the Tower of Babel, the Pyramid of Cheops, and Solomon's Temple, we nevertheless have, next to the Church of God, the grandest institution on the face of the earth."

Our report—a "fine" one—receives two pages of review, and our Brother's commendation, which is appreciated; and

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explanation is kindly given where needed, owing to the perversity of the "printer's devils."

Most Worshipful Brother ROBERT J. REDDEN, of Sulligent, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP, of Montgomery, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

ARIZONA—1902.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Territory of Arizona began its Twenty-first Annual Communication at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Phoenix on Tuesday, November 11, A.D. 1902, and closed two days later.

Most Worshipful Brother JOHN JOSEPH SWEENEY, Grand Master.

The annual address of the Grand Master is excellent and practical, and about up to the Iowa standard in the matter of poetry. He reported Masonry in Arizona as flourishing; regretted his inability to be present at our Washington Sesqui-centennial celebration; and closed by announcing the death of Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother GEORGE MONTAGUE, which occurred shortly before the assembling of Grand Lodge; and, in accord with his suggestion, a memorial page was inscribed to the memory of that dear Brother.

We had the pleasure of having with us at our Washington celebration Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother BENJAMIN TITUS, who brought us greetings from Arizona.

Number of Lodges, 17; initiated, 102; total membership (Master Masons), 1023, a gain of 84. Receipts, including balance, were \$7463; disbursements, \$5237; balance, in General Fund, \$1514; in Widows' and Orphans' Fund, \$711; total, \$2225; with bonds worth over \$10,000.

The Grand Treasurer, Past Grand Master KALES, having, after serving for fifteen years, declined a re-election, received

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the thanks of Grand Lodge, and a suitable testimonial was voted to him.

The Grand Orator, Brother CHARLES D. BELDEN, again favored the Brethren with the oration, this time his theme being "Truth," which he treated in an edifying manner.

We are pleased to note the emphatic disapproval expressed by Past Grand Master GOLDWATER, Grand Lecturer and Chairman of the Committee on Ritual, of the method of disseminating the work by means of cipher. The same Brother reported for the Committee on Jurisprudence against a proposed regulation admitting candidates physically disqualified, the Grand Lodge approving his report.

Hereafter the Committee on Correspondence is to be remunerated for its labor, and well does it deserve it. The cipher method of disseminating the authorized work was disapproved. The Grand Lodge of the "Valle de Mexico" was recognized. The Grand Treasurer is to be bonded in the sum of ten thousand dollars, the Grand Lodge to pay the fee.

An appropriation was made to enable the Grand Master to visit the Lodges, a very wise step. We are glad to note that Grand Secretary ROSKRUGE has corrected the date of the organization of our Grand Lodge,—*i.e.*, as an *independent* Grand Lodge,—in the list of Grand Lodges in correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Arizona, to September 25, 1786.

A suitable jewel was presented to the retiring Grand Master, whose portrait forms the frontispiece.

The second report on Correspondence since Arizona has resumed the practice, is again by Brother CHARLES DWIGHT BELDEN. It is very full and well written, and we feel sure will be read with profit and instruction. Before reviewing the various Jurisdictions, our Brother speaks in an interesting manner of "Clandestine Masonry," "International Fraternal Relations," "Mexican Masonry," and the "Antiquity of Masonry." We are glad to see what our Brother has written on the second topic, and to know Arizona's position.

His views of a Correspondence report are good:

“ A Correspondence should be much more than a formal report, or than a business letter, descriptive merely of detail. It should be gossipy, fraternal, instructive, but, above all, interesting.”

He takes occasion to sound the praises of the “ Shrine,” which, to us, seem, “ like the flowers of Spring,” to “ have nothing to do with the case.”

Under Massachusetts, he says,—

“ Let Masonry be strictly conservative and unchangeable. There may be other ways and means of doing good to man (Freemasonry does not claim or intend to monopolize that business), and there are many attempts to organize fraternities that have other methods constantly obtruding themselves upon the social horizon. They may be of great benefit to mankind, and, if so, they are welcome. But Freemasonry has enough to do, aye, even more than she can reasonably hope to perform, and needs not to alter or amend her course. The Grand Lodges of Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, the oldest in this land, are models of conservatism. Let not the others be led after strange gods. Let all our doings be ‘ *according to the Old Constitutions.*’ ”

We regret to see that our Brother voted in favor of transmitting the work by means of “ ciphers.”

Pennsylvania for 1901 is reviewed. Grand Master WAGNER’s annual address “ is not an oration, but is a business document,” from which a number of decisions are quoted as of “ peculiar interest.”

“ The address proper, and equivalent to an oration, was delivered by the newly installed Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Edgar A. Tennis, just previous to the close of the session,” and a number of statements are given from it.

Of our report, Brother BELDEN says that “ its material size cannot compare to its enormous proportional value. The

review is exceedingly particular in detail, and was not long-winded, but rather incisive in comment," for which we thank our Brother.

Brother BELDEN says,—

"The discussion which is going on between Bro. Lambertson and Bro. Drummond as to the relative authority of the several editions of Anderson's Constitutions is rapid and warm. Last year I gave a pretty full statement of Bro. Drummond's views. I would very much like to reprint Bro. L.'s arguments, but I will refrain until there is a reconciliation of facts, and an agreement as to what is what. To be sure, the disagreements are mostly technical and of little weight in our Masonic scales of justice—but the interest will never subside in such a discussion until there is no further room for argument."

We think, according to what Brother BELDEN himself says, that it would have been only fair play, if he had this year given a "pretty full statement" of this writer's views.

Most Worshipful Brother FRANCIS MARION ZUCK, of Holbrook, Grand Master; Very Worshipful Brother GEORGE J. ROSKRUGE, of Tucson, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

ARKANSAS—1902.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Arkansas began its Sixty-first Regular Communication in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Little Rock, on Tuesday, November 18, A.D. 1902, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother HARRY H. MYERS, Grand Master.

An affecting incident occurred after Grand Lodge opened.

Past Grand Master DANNELLY, who has been confined by paralysis to his room at his home at Searcy for the last five years, was wheeled into the room in an invalid's chair, and when he was at the altar, the Grand Master led the Craft in giving the Grand Honors, whereupon the Brethren spontaneously united in singing

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow.”

Later, this beloved Brother delivered a touching address.

The annual address of the Grand Master is pitched upon a very high key, and such as we should expect after having met the Most Worshipful Brother. In his two years of service he has done a great deal of work, as his address shows. The result of the wisdom of holding biennial sessions has been amply vindicated, and the debt of thirty-five thousand dollars has been so much reduced that we are glad to have the Grand Secretary tell us in a note, that on January 1, 1903, the debt was only fifteen thousand dollars.

We very much regret to see that the Grand Master recommended that the law as to physical qualifications should be modified; we regret more that the Grand Lodge granted the Grand Master, if he should find the candidate's imperfections would “not render him unable to intelligently give the necessary signs of recognition,” power to grant a special dispensation to make him a Mason, if otherwise qualified; and we regret most of all that, under this action, the Grand Master should have granted a dispensation to a Lodge to make a Mason of a candidate with one arm, he stating that it afforded him pleasure to do so, in recognition of courtesies shown by that Lodge upon his coming to the State eighteen years ago.

Referring to his visit to our Grand Lodge, the Grand Master said,—

“I accepted the kind invitation, and had the greatest time of my life. It was truly a Masonic gathering seldom equalled and certainly never surpassed. The warmth of the welcome

and the genuine fraternity existing made of the occasion one of the brightest epochs of my life. There were in attendance Grand Masters from fourteen states and brothers prominent in every station and walk of life. Brother Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, graced the occasion by his presence, and made one of the most eloquent and masterly appeals for true Masonic brotherhood ever listened to. The event itself was a remarkable one, and it was most befitting that it should be held at Philadelphia, the seat of the Continental Congress, and around whose name is enshrined the trials and struggles and immortal glory of Washington and our forefathers. It was there that this great man was wont to meet his compatriots around the Masonic altar; it was there that its great lessons were learned, and there is but little doubt but what Masonry's tenets there absorbed went far toward laying the foundation of this the grandest nation of free men known to the world. And, brethren, great and good as Washington was, it is an inspiring thought to us as Masons that we have in his successor of to-day a Mason who takes the greatest pride and pleasure in meeting his brethren on the level, and who is one of the best living prototypes of that rugged, honest, fearless, and true Americanism of which Washington laid the foundation. No, we are not deteriorating as a nation or as a people. We are virile and true, and our destiny, if we do our duty as we see and know it, will be the champion of right, truth and liberty to all mankind. This meeting afforded me as your Grand Master a peculiar pleasure in reciprocating the kindness that the M. . . W. . . Grand Master of Pennsylvania showed this jurisdiction on the occasion of the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary as a Grand Lodge held in 1888. At that time Grand Master Jos. Eichbaum and Grand Secretary Michael Nesbit attended, and both made addresses, giving us much good cheer and encouragement, and I am for that reason glad I contributed my small share to making of this the successful meeting that it was."

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It was a real pleasure to welcome our Brother, and his "most fraternal and cordial greeting," "from Arkansas, from the far-off Southland," was heartily received by his Brethren of Pennsylvania.

The Grand Orator, Brother WILLIAM T. HAMMOCK, delivered an interesting address upon "Truth and Citizenship." We are somewhat in doubt as to the latter part of the statement that truth "coerced King John to grant Magna Charta and Charles the Second to relinquish the American colonies." We supposed that George the Third was the king who was compelled to do that.

Number of Lodges, including eighteen under dispensation, 462, a gain of 15; initiated in 1902, 1042; total number of Master Masons, 12,416, a gain of 216. Receipts for two years, including balance, were \$17,882.93; disbursements, \$17,715.43; balance, \$167.50.

During the sessions of Grand Lodge no less than three collections were taken up by our warm-hearted and generous Brethren for the worthy distressed, amounting to something over two hundred dollars.

In a special report, the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, after regretting the necessity of omitting, owing to financial reasons, the usual review of the proceedings of Sister Grand Lodges, recommended that fraternal recognition be accorded to the Grand Lodge of Washington, and denied to Costa Rica until further light is procured, and referred the application of the National Grand Orient of Egypt to the Grand Lodge for such action as may be deemed best. It is stated that the report was adopted.

Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother JAMES TAYLOR, of Georgia, was cordially welcomed.

Now that our Past Grand Master ARNOLD, who was, until in 1893 he resigned the position, Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, has passed from earth, we presume his name will no longer appear in the list of Grand Representatives.

Most Worshipful Brother JOHN T. HICKS, of Little Rock, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother FAY HEMPSTEAD, of Little Rock, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—1903.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of British Columbia began its Thirty-second Annual Communication in the Masonic Temple, Vancouver, on Thursday, June 18, A.D. 1903, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother E. E. CHIPMAN, Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master is excellent and practical. He is opposed, very rightly, "to the principle of shortening the time between the degrees," believing that all haste in matters of that kind "has a tendency to cheapen, and throw discredit upon the Fraternity;" and he justly commends the Grand Historian, Brother DEWOLF SMITH, for his work for the Grand Lodge Library and on the Correspondence Committee.

Under "Courtesies," he says,—

"In October last, I was invited by R. W. Edgar A. Tennis, Grand Master of Masons of Pennsylvania, to attend, on November 5th, 1902, at the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the initiation of Brother George Washington into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Much to my regret I was unable to attend this interesting function, which was undoubtedly the most important gathering of Masons, on this continent, during the year. I am under obligation to the Memorial Committee for an elegantly bound and beautifully printed Memorial Volume, containing a full report of the interesting proceedings on that occasion. It is full of good things from the bright minds in

attendance, and is a valuable acquisition to any library. I shall always prize it, and I extend my appreciative thanks to the Memorial Committee for their kind remembrance."

We note with satisfaction that a decision of the Grand Master as to receiving maimed candidates, was not approved by the Committee to whom the same was referred, or by the Grand Lodge, the provisions of the Old Charge being quoted correctly, as might be expected from a Committee of which Brother DEWOLF SMITH was a member.

Number of Lodges, including four under dispensation, 36; initiated, 210; total membership, 2473, a gain of 118. Receipts, including balance, were \$6474.46; disbursements, \$2807.14; balance, \$3667.22. Expended by Charity Fund, \$274.11, there being \$10,410.80 to the credit of that Fund.

His Worship the Mayor of the City of Vancouver, Brother T. F. NEELANDS, was received, and welcomed the officers and members of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master acknowledging the courtesy in suitable terms. The new Constitution came up for action and was adopted with some amendments.

A Special Communication was held October 1, 1902, at New Westminster, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the new Carnegie Public Library building.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by the Chairman of the Committee, Right Worshipful Brother W. A. DEWOLF SMITH, his seventh. It is very complete and full of valuable excerpts and interesting comment and criticism. He is opposed strongly to cipher rituals, to remitting fees to clergymen, and to expulsion for non-payment of dues, as are we.

Under Manitoba, he says,—

"It appears to us to be a cold kind of Masonic charity which refuses to assist a needy Brother unless assured of the return of the money expended, or which, having relieved

the Brother, bills his Lodge for the amount spent in his relief.”

Under Ireland, our Brother says,—

“ The Deputy Grand Master refers to the interesting meeting which took place in Philadelphia in November last—the celebration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the initiation of George Washington. The occasion was interesting, the Deputy Grand Master says, because researches have shown that the Grand Lodge of Ireland had taken note of the Masonic career of this distinguished Brother.

“ ‘ It is recorded in the minutes of this Grand Lodge, of the 5th June, 1800, that we received a “ communication from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania announcing the death of their Grand Master, our Brother George Washington,” and upon the 7th August in the same year a resolution of condolence with our American Brethren was adopted by this Grand Lodge, and was duly forwarded to Pennsylvania.’

“ We hope Brother Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, will give us some information on this subject, as in the list of Grand Masters of Pennsylvania as published in the Proceedings of that Grand Lodge, we fail to find George Washington’s name. We have also seen it stated, although at the moment we are unable to say where, that George Washington was not even a Master of a Lodge. This might not be an insuperable objection to his election as Grand Master, but would render such an event unlikely.”

In reply, we may say that Brother GEORGE WASHINGTON never was Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, although he was, as we believe we were the first to show, duly elected Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 39, on the roll of

the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, at its last election, just prior to its becoming Lodge No. 22, on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, as is shown in the address of this writer at the Sesqui-centennial celebration, printed at page 149 of the "Memorial Volume;" at pages 352 and 353 of the same book extracts are given from the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ireland with regard to WASHINGTON's death. It would seem that the mistake as to WASHINGTON's supposed Grand Mastership was a slip on the part of their Grand Secretary; for the letter which was sent to our Grand Lodge, and which is printed at page 437 of the first volume of the Reprint of the Minutes of our Grand Lodge, makes no reference to his having been Grand Master.

Pennsylvania for 1902 receives five pages of review, our doings being well summarized. Grand Master TENNIS's address "is replete with interest." His decisions have no fault found with them, a number of more than local interest being quoted.

Our report is called "an extremely interesting paper." Brother DEWOLF SMITH notes our suggestion that it would be well to give the names of the Grand Representatives present, as well as the Jurisdictions from which they are accredited, and we see that Grand Secretary BRETT adopts the suggestion.

Noting our regret at the granting of a dispensation "to wear regalia in public at a ball," our Brother explains that "the custom was brought from Great Britain, and is, we think, common in all British Colonies as well as in the mother country."

We shall have to ask for further information as to "the claim" which, our Brother states, "is made in Pennsylvania," that "England abolished the Grand Representative system following the lead of Pennsylvania."

Most Worshipful the Reverend Brother C. ENSOR SHARP, of Esquimalt, Grand Master; Very Worshipful Brother ROBERT E. BRETT, of Victoria, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

CALIFORNIA—1902.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Jurisdiction of California began its Fifty-third Annual Communication at the Masonic Temple, in the City of San Francisco, on Tuesday, October 14, A.D. 1902, and closed three days later.

Most Worshipful Brother WILLIAM S. WELLS, Grand Master.

The annual address of the Grand Master is a business-like paper, showing zeal, fidelity, and ability in the discharge of his duties. The year had been prosperous, and unprecedented in growth, there being a net gain of 1959. His decisions were approved. We agree that it was not proper to donate any of the Lodge funds to a member, even if a minister of the Gospel, merely for the purpose and with the intention of returning to him the fees for degrees. He referred to the ill-health of the Grand Chaplain, Very Reverend Brother EDWARD BENTLEY CHURCH, and, later, action was taken showing the sympathy of the Grand Lodge with that esteemed Brother.

The Masonic Board of Relief of San Francisco being without funds in June, the Grand Master had authorized an advance of \$1500; the Grand Lodge approved, and in addition donated to this and the five other similar Boards \$8750; during the year these Boards disbursed nearly \$22,000.

Number of Lodges, including seven under dispensation, 278, a gain of 7; initiated, 2350; total membership, 24,735, a gain of 1959. Receipts, including balance, were \$34,496.65; disbursements, \$31,477.12. Assets of Grand Lodge at actual value, \$111,566.98.

The reports of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home at Decoto are very full and detailed. Receipts were \$51,405.53; disbursements, \$24,539. The Home contains 106 inmates, 42 being aged Brethren, 19 widows, 26 boys, and 19 girls, an increase of 23.

Upon recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence in a special report, the Grand Lodges of Western Australasia, Costa Rica, the "Valle de Mexico," and "Benito Juarez," of the State of Coahuila, were recognized.

Upon the adoption of a report from the Committee on Grievances, affirming a verdict of Not Guilty, upon charges preferred by Brother D. L., the record states:

"Upon the adoption of the last report above, the conduct of Bro. L. in presence of Grand Lodge, being deemed unbecoming a Mason, he was summoned before the Altar and reprimanded by the Grand Master."

The Grand Orator, Brother EDWARD H. HART, made a long and interesting address.

The retiring Grand Master, who was requested to sit for his portrait, received a Past Grand Master's jewel, the Grand Orator making a beautiful address, which was responded to in a dignified manner.

Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, submitted his usual report, filled with good things, especial attention being given to the addresses of Grand Masters. He is not in favor of the word "Order" as applied to our Fraternity; is surprised that Connecticut has no written record; wishes no "dummies" in his; thinks that one should be permitted to depart in peace if one believes his adherence to Freemasonry interferes with his duty to his God, his family, or himself; and believes that every officer who has been re-elected should be reinstalled after his re-election; with all of which we agree, although our Brother will hardly expect us to agree with him in his view of "the great prerogative."

Pennsylvania for 1901 receives almost five pages of review, being well summarized and a number of quotations being made, especially from Grand Master WAGNER's address. A

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page is given to our report (a misprint gives "F" for a middle initial instead of our usual "M"), our Brother thinking it most able and interesting, and congratulating this writer "upon his getting to the front without loss of time." Our review of California is quite fully dwelt upon; he quotes our remarks about the Grand Representatives to and from the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania and California, doing so that

"the errors may be corrected, and also to express sorrow at our failure to notice the death of our representative near the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the good Bro. H. Stanley Goodwin (God give him rest), and we console ourselves with the quotation from Cowper, 'The path of sorrow, and that path alone, leads to the lands where sorrow is unknown.' "

Most Worshipful Brother ORRIN S. HENDERSON, of Stockton, Grand Master; Very Worshipful Brother GEORGE JOHNSON, of San Francisco, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

CANADA—1903.

THE Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario began its Forty-eighth Annual Communication in the City of Toronto, on Wednesday, July 15, A.D. 1903, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother JOHN E. HARDING, K.C., Grand Master.

Before the opening of Grand Lodge, His Worship Mayor URQUHART and members of the City Council were introduced, and the former welcomed Grand Lodge, a suitable reply being made by the Grand Master. After the opening, a deputation of Masters and Past Masters from the Toronto Lodges was announced, introduced, and presented an address of welcome.

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Most Worshipful Brother I. H. STEARNS, Past Grand Master of Quebec, was a welcome visitor.

The address of the Grand Master shows that he had administered the affairs of his station wisely and with great fidelity. Under the heading of Masonic Courtesies occurs the following:

“In October last I received an invitation to attend the Sesqui Centennial celebration of the initiation of W. Bro. Geo. Washington into Masonry from the R. W. the Grand Master of the State of Pennsylvania. I regret that my official duties prevented my attendance. The celebration was held in the Masonic Temple at the City of Philadelphia, and was a brilliant success, and was honored with the presence of Bro. Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States of America, who delivered an address that should be read by every mason. I received a copy of the beautiful memorial volume issued containing a very complete account of the proceedings at the celebration.”

Referring to his visit on “Scotch night” at St. John’s Lodge, No. 75, Toronto, he said,—

“The bright Tartan of the officers and a number of the brethren in Scottish dress, set off against the evening dress of the majority of brethren, made a most effective picture. I think I never fully appreciated the dignity of my office until I was introduced into the lodge, preceded by the Director of Ceremonies in full highland dress, and five pipers in full costume blowing for all they were worth. Everything provided by the brethren was of the best, and the haggis was claimed to be the king of all.”

In his address, Deputy Grand Master ALLEN said, in part,—

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“I have been honored with many invitations during the year, which I was reluctantly compelled to decline. Some came from without this jurisdiction, notably that of the Grand Master of Pennsylvania, to attend the Sesqui Centennial of the initiation of Bro. George Washington, an invitation I would have gladly accepted were it at all possible. It has always given me pleasure to meet my brethren of other jurisdictions. I have spent many exceedingly pleasant days with my brethren of the United States, and I am convinced that nothing can more firmly cement the ties of brotherhood than visits of this kind. I desire to express thanks to the Memorial Committee for a beautiful copy of the proceedings of such an interesting event.”

In commemoration of the semi-centennial of the formation of the Grand Lodge, he recommended that a fund of one hundred thousand dollars be raised, each Brother paying a dollar a year for three years, the interest to be used for beneficiaries, and this was approved by Grand Lodge. The death of Grand Secretary MASON on June 15, 1903, was dwelt upon, this faithful Brother having served for twenty-nine years, and fitting tribute was paid to his memory by the Committee on the Fraternal Dead.

The Deputy Grand Master reported his visitations, as usual, and regretted he could not attend our Washington Celebration, and “desired to express his thanks to the Memorial Committee for a beautiful copy of the proceedings of such an interesting event.”

Number of Lodges, 377, a gain of 5; initiated, 2761; total membership, 30,485, a gain of 2064; receipts, \$26,724.61; disbursements for general purposes, \$22,807.89; balance, \$3916.72. For benevolence, \$11,880; Grand Lodge assets, \$106,829.

The reports of the District Deputies are printed in full, as usual, and are interesting reading. In some cases, the powers invested in those Brethren were exceeded.

Five Special Communications were held to lay corner-stones.

Portraits are given of Grand Master HARDING, and of five Honorary Past Grand Masters,—Brothers THOMAS WHITE, OTTO KLOTZ, KIVAS TULLY, J. J. MASON (the late Grand Secretary), and W. A. SUTHERLAND, the last being an actual Past Grand Master of New York.

The report on Correspondence is, as usual, by the Chairman, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother HENRY ROBERTSON, and is very largely made up of interesting quotations. Our Brother writes very little himself, and his rule as to selection of the Correspondence reports which he reviews is not evident. We are glad to know that he is in improved health. It appears that he is opposed to "rotation in office" and public installations, and he declines to accept the responsibility for recommending the recognition of Belgium, saying, "It was the other Robertson;" we take it Brother J. ROSS ROBERTSON is intended.

Pennsylvania for 1902 comes under review. The remarks of Grand Master TENNIS in accepting our Grand Treasurer PATTON's magnificent gift are given in full, and the opening portion of Brother TENNIS's address is quoted. A line and a half is devoted to our report.

As to our Memorial Volume, Brother ROBERTSON says,—

"The memorial volume of the Washington Sesqui-Centennial celebration is a magnificent art production, beautifully printed and bound and adorned with a great number of engravings, portraits, medals, seals, embossed work, and certificates, etc. It contains a very full account of all the proceedings, which is exceedingly interesting. We return our thanks to M. W. Bro. Edgar A. Tennis, Grand Master, for the presentation."

Most Worshipful Brother JOHN E. HARDING, K.C., of Lindsay, Grand Master, re-elected; Most Worshipful Brother HUGH MURRAY, of Hamilton, Grand Secretary.

COLORADO—1903.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Colorado began its Forty-third Annual Communication at Masonic Temple, in Denver, on Tuesday, September 15, A.D. 1903, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother MARSHALL H. DEAN, Grand Master.

The annual address of the Grand Master shows a sound and conservative administration. He records the loss we sustained in the death of Past Grand Masters ARNOLD and PERKINS, and later the Grand Lodge extended to us their sympathy, which we appreciate. The Grand Master, rightly as it seems to us, declined to grant a dispensation to lay the corner-stone of a new beet-sugar factory. He regretted that "distance and pressing duties at home compelled him to forego the pleasure" of accepting the invitation to our Washington celebration. He added:

"Judging by the beautiful memorial volume published by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, of the ceremonies on that occasion, which I have since received through the courtesy of Worthy Brother Tennis, the event was a bright landmark in the history of the oldest Grand Lodge in the United States."

He reported the completion of their "Washington Memorial Volume," which contains a number of fine engravings, including "one of Washington, a very fine engraving by Gilbert Stuart, which the committee procured through the courtesy of the Grand Master of Pennsylvania." Later a copy of the book was ordered by the Grand Lodge to be sent to Grand Master TENNIS, he being one of ten Brethren specially complimented in this way.

Number of Lodges, 104; initiated, 730; total membership, 10,001, a gain of 569. Receipts, including balance,

were \$24,845.19; disbursements, \$6741.69; balance, \$18,103.50. The Benevolent Fund amounts to \$3700, there being no disbursements.

Brother CHARLES F. PAINTER delivered an eloquent oration on Masonry. A letter was read from the Grand Master of Texas correcting the idea that the generosity of the Colorado Brethren had not been appreciated, which had arisen because, in a paragraph of his address, the Grand Master had not mentioned Colorado, it not being his intention at the time to name all who had contributed, but to show that there was no North nor South, several Jurisdictions from each part of the country being named alternately to accentuate the fact.

A revised Constitution and a code of By-laws were unanimously adopted.

The Deputy Grand Master of New Mexico, Right Worshipful Brother J. C. SLACK, was an honored visitor.

The frontispiece is, appropriately, a portrait of the incoming Grand Master, and portraits are given of Most Worshipful Brothers HENRY P. H. BROMWELL, a Past Grand Master of Illinois and an Honorary Member of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, a fact not explained last year, and ROGER WILLIAMS WOODBURY, Past Grand Master of Colorado, both of whom had been called from earth, and to whose memories loving tributes were paid.

The life work of the late Brother BROMWELL, "Restorations of Masonic Geometry and Symbolry," is to be published by a company formed by a number of the Brethren.

The most interesting picture is the group of twenty-three of the twenty-five living Past Grand Masters, the only living Past Deputy Grand Master, who was the first Grand Secretary, and the present Grand Master, all of whom were present in Grand Lodge. The portraits of the two Brethren who were unable to be present are added, so that the number is complete.

The report on Correspondence is by the Chairman, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother LAWRENCE N.

GREENLEAF, who gives us another full report, summarizing well and quoting generously for the edification of the Colorado Brethren. As usual, he comments little, reserving some interesting remarks for his conclusion, in which he wisely urges us to be extremely careful "that the outer door swings inward only to admit those of unblemished character and reputation."

He is also impressed with the lack of uniformity in Masonic law and usage.

We had marked for comment a number of passages in our Brother's excellent report, but must refrain.

Pennsylvania for 1902 is well reviewed, a full summary of Grand Master TENNIS's address being given, and our report, which is "filled with ideas and critical comment," comes in for brief mention. To answer our Brother's question as to why we thought Brother MIRICK's oration would please our Iowa Brethren more than others, we reply that it abounded in poetical quotations, in which our Iowa Brethren especially delight.

Under "Addenda," Brother GREENLEAF acknowledges the receipt of our Washington Sesqui-centennial Memorial Volume, saying, in part,—

"The Grand Lodge generously included the Chairmen of Correspondence Committees in its distribution of this valuable souvenir volume, and speaking for ourselves, we would express our grateful appreciation and thanks for the gift, and the thoughtfulness which prompted its action. The work is most attractively gotten up, and contains all the data from the inception of the undertaking to its successful culmination. It is difficult to give any adequate description of the book, which would convey to our readers even a faint idea of its sumptuous character and many unique and artistic features. . . . The addresses are published in the volume, together with the toasts and responses at the magnificent banquet which followed. The volume is profusely illustrated

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with portraits, historical objects, the banquet scene, loan exhibition of Washington relics, etc., and it is a work that in its entirety reflects great credit upon the committee which undertook its preparation and publication.”

Most Worshipful Brother JAMES R. KILLIAN, of Denver, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM D. TODD, of Denver, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

CONNECTICUT—1903.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Connecticut, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, began its One Hundred and Fifteenth Annual Communication at Masonic Temple, in the City of New Haven, on Wednesday, January 21, A.D. 1903, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother ARTHUR C. WHEELER, Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master is a full and complete record of his doings. He reported the deaths of Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother JOHN W. MIX and Brother WILLIAM RILEY HIGBY, who was a Grand Trustee for twenty-two years. Suitable action was taken with regard to the loss sustained by the death of these Brethren, and their portraits, as well as that of Grand Master WHEELER, are given.

He thus speaks of his visit to our Grand Lodge:

“On Wednesday, November 5th, in company with Deputy Grand Master Woodford and Grand Secretary Barlow, I visited Philadelphia, as the guest of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and participated in the Sesqui-Centennial Anniversary of the initiation of Brother George Washington into the Fraternity of Freemasons, held in the Masonic Temple.

“ We were received by Right Worshipful Grand Master Edgar A. Tennis, and the hospitality extended and courtesies shown us by the Pennsylvania Brothers place us under a great debt of gratitude to them.

“ The occasion was one long to be remembered, and it is doubtful if there was ever a more representative gathering of Masons from all parts of the country, than were assembled at this time.

“ The exercises were very interesting, and included an address by our President, Brother Theodore Roosevelt, whose remarks were of an inspiring nature.

“ Greetings were received from the various Grand Lodges represented, and it was our pleasure to extend the greetings of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, and to assure them of our appreciation of their efforts to perpetuate the name of our illustrious brother.

“ The assembling of representatives from so many jurisdictions seemed to suggest to many the thought that a supreme or sovereign body, composed of delegates from each Grand Jurisdiction would be the means of great good and must in time take place.

“ We came home November 6th, fully imbued with the spirit of Freemasonry, and that the meeting had still further cemented the bonds of brotherly love between sister jurisdictions, and made still stronger the possibilities for doing good to mankind.”

He urged the establishment of a fund of \$250,000 as a permanent fund for the Masonic Home. He reported no decisions.

The Deputy Grand Master, in his report, refers to his visit to Pennsylvania, and says,—

“ We were received with great courtesy and kindness, and most royally entertained, the occasion will be one long to be remembered with great pleasure.”

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Number of Lodges, 110; initiated, 940; total membership, 18,514, a gain of 784. Receipts, including balance, were \$21,552.95; disbursements, \$15,276.48; balance, \$6276.47.

Brother W. HOLT APGAR, Most Worshipful Grand Master of New Jersey, was a welcome guest. Greetings were exchanged with the Grand Lodge of Utah, then in session. A Past Grand Master's jewel and apron were presented to the retiring Grand Master.

In our review last year, we said that our Grand Lodge had elected only two honorary members, Brother General MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE and our beloved Grand Treasurer, Right Worshipful Brother THOMAS R. PATTON. Our attention has since been called by our efficient Librarian, Brother GEORGE P. RUPP, to the fact that on December 27, 1847, Most Worshipful Brother WILLIAM J. REESE, a Past Grand Master of Ohio, who had removed to Pennsylvania, was elected an honorary member.

The report on Correspondence is by the Committee, Most Worshipful Brother JOHN H. BARLOW, Grand Secretary, his ninth, and a fine one it is, and very clearly arranged and printed. He thinks that the charter of a Lodge should be present in the Lodge-room, but does not think it necessary to send all Lodge notices in sealed envelopes; does not regard robes and the use of the stereopticon as innovations, and is very loyal to his State, saying,—

“When we come to facts the State that out ranks them all is old Connecticut, the land of steady habits and wooden nutmegs. Where can we find a *grater*.”

Pennsylvania for 1901 is reviewed, but before beginning, Brother BARLOW writes:

“It was our pleasure to be present at a special communication of this Grand Lodge held in the city of Philadelphia,

November 5th, and participate in the festivities in commemoration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the initiation of Brother George Washington, in the presence of the President of the United States, and distinguished Masons from all parts of the Union. It was an occasion long to be remembered. Our thanks are tendered to Grand Master Tennis, Grand Secretary Sinn, and many others for courtesies shown on that occasion.”

It was a great pleasure to see our good Brethren from Connecticut, who were a little delayed by fog in New York harbor, and we appreciated the words of greeting from Grand Master WHEELER.

Two extracts are made from Grand Master TENNIS’s address, one relating to the mileage question, with which Brother BARLOW is in full agreement, and the other relating to the Masonic Home.

The resolutions which were offered by this writer, with regard to the proposed Washington celebration, are given in full.

Our report is commended. Our Brother also says,—

“Connecticut and Pennsylvania both hold the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction. We fully agree with him that this regulation should be respected and recognized by sister Grand Lodges in reference to its rejected material. We admire his conservatism, and high regard for the ancient landmarks, and on many points we are in full agreement. In a few, however, we think he draws the line rather close, especially on physical qualifications. We are rather disposed to take the middle ground that the applicant shall be able to conform to all the requirements of the degrees without the aid of mechanical or artificial appliances, not that he shall be physically perfect. We fully agree that the Grand Master has prerogatives inherent to his office, which may or may not be in the

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Grand Lodge constitutions. We would like to notice further this able report did time and space allow."

Most Worshipful Brother LEON M. WOODFORD, of Naugatuck, Grand Master; Most Worshipful Brother JOHN H. BARLOW, of Hartford, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

COSTA RICA—1903.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient and Accepted Free-Masons for the Republic of Costa Rica held Quarterly Communications at the Masonic Temple, San José, on February 28, May 30, August 29, and November 28, 1902, and the Annual Communication on January 30, 1903.

Most Worshipful Brother RICARDO MORA F., Grand Master.

At the August Quarterly, the recognition by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was announced, no less than twenty-one Grand Lodges having granted recognition during the year, the whole number being thirty-five.

The annual address of the Grand Master is an interesting paper, as is the report of the Grand Secretary.

Number of Lodges, 7, a loss of one; initiated, 45; total membership, 187, a loss of one.

The Proceedings are entirely in English and present a very creditable appearance.

We are glad to have the portrait of the incoming Grand Master.

Most Worshipful Brother JOHN MEIGGS KEITH, of San José, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother EDMUND A. OSBORNE, of San José, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

CUBA—1903.

THE proceedings of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba for 1902–1903 are in Spanish, with the exception of the address of the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother JOSÉ F. PELLÓN, which is of more than usual excellence.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence (Brothers FRANCISCO DE P. RODRIGUEZ, REMIGIO LOPEZ, and CALIXTO FAJARDO) seems to be prepared with much care and thoroughness. Our knowledge of Spanish is limited, but we see that the more important occurrences in this Jurisdiction are mentioned. The address of Grand Master TENNIS “es immense,” and its leading topics are mentioned; and our review of Cuba is summarized.

Number of Lodges, 56; initiated, 1899; total membership, 2256, a gain of 382.

We were very much interested in the group of portraits of the officers of the Grand Lodge and of the Chairmen of the four principal Committees. They are a credit to the Craft.

At the head of the review of Pennsylvania there are two errors which we correct: the first Lodge of which we have any record in Philadelphia was in 1730, and our origin is not from Massachusetts, but from England; while the date of formation of our Grand Lodge is correctly given (September 25, 1786), if it is understood as that of our foundation as an *independent* Grand Lodge, as we had been a Provincial Grand Lodge under authority from the Grand Lodge of England for years before that date.

Referring to the announcement of Brother ELKINS’s proposed gift, the Committee say,—

“Despues de acto tan hermoso no nos queda mas que ex-
clamar: God bless them!”

DELAWARE.

Most Worshipful Brother JOSÉ FERNÁNDEZ PELLÓN, of Cienfuegos, Grand Master, re-elected; Right Worshipful Brother AURELIO MIRANDA, of Havana, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

DELAWARE—1903.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Delaware began its Ninety-seventh Annual Communication in the Masonic Temple, in Wilmington, on Wednesday, October 7, A.D. 1903, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother HARRY J. GUTHRIE, Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master is an earnest, thoughtful paper. He wisely says, "Masonry will never accomplish its design until we become students." Record is made of the death of our Past Grand Masters ARNOLD and PERKINS. Under "Fraternal Courtesies," the following extracts will interest our Brethren:

"On Nov. 5, 1902, by invitation, and accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer and Secretary, Past Grand Masters Rile and Jones and Past Deputy Grand Master Jackson and Past Grand Treasurer Morrow, I attended a Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, held in Philadelphia to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the initiation of Bro. George Washington in Masonry. We were most cordially received by R. W. Grand Master Edgar A. Tennis and the Grand Lodge officers and were the recipients of every courtesy. With other visiting Grand Masters it was my pleasure to escort His Excellency Bro. Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States and the Grand officers of Pennsylvania

into Corinthian Hall where in the presence of 700 Representatives and guests the Grand Lodge was opened exactly at 12 o'clock. The occasion was one long to be remembered, probably never before within the tiled recesses of a Lodge has such a notable gathering of Masons congregated. Besides their own Brethren, the Representatives of fourteen Grand Jurisdictions being present. The exercises consisted of an address of welcome by Grand Master Tennis, after which in succession Grand Lodge was addressed by Bro. Roosevelt on 'Free Masonry and Citizenship,' W. Bro. J. M. Lamberton on 'Washington as a Free Mason,' and W. Bro. S. L. Woodford, former minister to Spain, on 'Washington as a Citizen.'

"Greetings were received from the various Grand Lodges represented, it being my pleasure to respond on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Delaware. Following the Grand Lodge exercises at 4 o'clock a banquet was served, at the conclusion of which a table Lodge was opened in form. Then followed the 'feast of reason' during which appropriate toasts were proposed, honored and eloquently responded to, and when at 11 o'clock we retired to our homes the opinion was unanimous that never before had such a Masonic feast been provided. I cannot close this reference without alluding to the magnificent collection of Washingtoniana upon which an insurance of \$50,000 had been placed and which was reviewed by over 48,000 persons. A full account of the proceedings were published, a copy of which has been placed in the Grand Lodge library with the compliments of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for which I wish to make acknowledgment.

"December 27th, 1902. By invitation of Bro. Edgar A. Tennis, R. W. Grand Master, I attended the annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and at the dinner following, on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the Grand Lodge owning its first temple, it was my pleasure to respond to the toast, 'The Jurisdiction of Delaware.'"

He reported that on June 3 he had been compelled to decline an invitation to a luncheon given in Philadelphia by R. W. Grand Master TENNIS, of Pennsylvania.

Grand Master APGAR, of New Jersey, accompanied by a number of his Grand Officers, were most welcome visitors.

No less than thirteen Brethren hailing from Pennsylvania were present.

From the minutes of the second day we quote :

“ The following distinguished visitors from the M. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania were announced and upon their admittance were received with the Grand Honors: R. W., John D. Goff, District Deputy Grand Master 36th District, Pennsylvania; W., A. G. Criswell Smith, Past Master Lodge No. 298, Media, Pennsylvania; W., Edward C. Burton, Past Master Lodge No. 352, Chester, Pennsylvania.”

and later :

“ The M. W. Grand Lodge was pleasantly entertained by short speeches by Brother John D. Goff, R. W., District Deputy Grand Master of the 36th District of Pennsylvania and other visiting Brethren from Pennsylvania.”

Number of Lodges, 22, a gain of one; initiated, 140; total membership, 2504, a gain of 71. Receipts, including balance, were \$3210.72; disbursements, \$1528.04. The Grand Charity Fund amounts to \$1720, \$50 having been disbursed.

Portraits of Past Grand Masters DUTTON and JONES were presented and duly accepted. A resolution of sympathy with Past Grand Master McCLINTOCK, who was unable by reason of physical infirmities consequent upon old age to attend Grand Lodge, was adopted.

The Committee on the Grand Master's Address approved of his doings and sayings, except that they took exception to

his criticism of the ballot; and we confess the reason for the exception is not altogether clear.

A Past Grand Master's jewel was presented to the retiring Grand Master, whose pleasant face forms the frontispiece of the Proceedings, which are further adorned by the kindly features of Grand Secretary BARTRAM, Grand Lodge having directed that his portrait should be given.

The report on Correspondence is another able paper from the pen of the Chairman, Right Worshipful Reverend Brother LEWIS H. JACKSON, Past Deputy Grand Master, whose health we are glad to hear is better. He selects with discrimination, and stands up valiantly for the usages and customs of the "Diamond" State. He dislikes "Order" and "compulsory affiliation," as do we; he says,—

"If a man does not love Masonry sufficiently to make some sacrifices for Lodge privileges, let him stay out and bear the penalty."

Pennsylvania for 1902 is well reviewed. Concerning our Memorial Volume, he says,—

"A full and complete account of all the proceedings connected with the occasion will be found in a Memorial Volume published by the authority of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in the year 1902. It is a splendid souvenir of one of the grandest Masonic Functions we have ever had the pleasure and honor of attending. The volume is a gem of beauty and value, to be proud of and prized by every one fortunate enough to be the possessor of a copy. The R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania did herself and the Craft great honor and credit in the conduct of the Sesqui-Centennial Anniversary."

A number of quotations are made from Grand Master TENNIS's address, and our report is characterized as "able and

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interesting," though our review of Delaware is all that our Brother seems to have considered.

Most Worshipful Brother CHARLES H. MAULL, of Lewes, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother BENJAMIN F. BARTRAM, of Wilmington, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—1902.

THE Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the District of Columbia held the Semi-Annual Communication at Masonic Temple, Washington, on Wednesday, May 14, A.D. 1902.

In the absence through illness of Most Worshipful Brother MALCOLM SEATON, Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master WALKER occupied the Grand Master's station. Illness prevented also the presence of Grand Secretary JOHNSTON.

A letter was read from the Grand Master regretting his absence, especially at the time when the Masonic Fair and Exposition was held, which resulted in raising \$55,518; of this, \$45,000 was paid to the Masonic Temple Association, thus enabling them to pay in full for the site of the proposed Temple.

From the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence it appears that there are at this time no members of the Subordinate Lodges of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia who are of African descent, and that all such hailing from the District are clandestine.

The Ninety-second Annual Communication was held on Wednesday, December 3, 1902. Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother MILTON J. HULL, of Nebraska, was warmly welcomed. The address of the Grand Master contains an account of his labors, which were interrupted by illness, as already mentioned.

He regretted his inability to attend the Washington Sesqui-

centennial, but had deputed Deputy Grand Master WALKER to represent himself and the other officers and members of the Grand Lodge, and had complied with Grand Master TENNIS's request that he would use his good offices to secure the presence at Philadelphia of the gavel used by Washington in laying the corner-stone of the National Capitol in 1793.

In his report to the Grand Master the Deputy Grand Master wrote:

“By invitation of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging, and in accordance with your desire that I go as your representative, I, on the 5th of November, attended the communication of said Grand Lodge held in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, to commemorate the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the initiation of W. Bro. George Washington into Masonry. It was probably the most notable gathering of Masons ever witnessed within the tiled walls. Among the invited guests were Bro. Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States; W. Bro. Stewart L. Woodford, former Minister of the United States to Spain; Bro. William A. Stone, Governor of Pennsylvania; Bro. Samuel W. Pennypacker, the Governor-elect of the same State; Bros. John Wanamaker and Charles Emory Smith, former Postmaster-Generals of the United States; and many eminent clergymen and jurists, as well as brethren who have achieved distinction in every walk of life. The Grand Masters and other officers of a number of Grand Lodges throughout the country were present with full official regalia and were seated either upon the platform with the Grand Master of Pennsylvania or that section of the Grand Lodge room adjacent thereto. In the body of the hall were seated the specially selected representatives of the nearly six hundred lodges in the State of Pennsylvania. Among the invited guests also were deputations from Fredericksburg Lodge, No. 4, Fred-

ericksburg, Va., bringing the Bible upon which Washington took the obligations of Masonry; Alexandria-Washington Lodge, No. 22, Alexandria, Va., of which Washington was Worshipful Master; Potomac Lodge, No. 5, of this city, bringing the gavel with which Washington laid the cornerstone of the United States Capitol; and St. John's Lodge, No. 1, of New York, bringing the Bible upon which Washington took the oath as first President of the United States. I was accompanied by M. W. Bro. George W. Baird, Past Grand Master and chairman of the Committee on Correspondence of this Grand Lodge, and the deputation from Potomac Lodge consisted of Bros. Rev. Stanley Billheimer, Worshipful Master; Charles T. Lindsey, Senior Deacon; and Henry G. Wagner. The exercises in the Grand Lodge room consisted of addresses by Grand Master Tennis of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, President Roosevelt, Governor Woodford, Grand Master Gallagher of Massachusetts, and greetings from the representatives of the several Grand Lodges among the invited guests. At high twelve the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was opened in ample form, and it was late in the afternoon before the program was completed. Then, at 4 o'clock, the grand banquet took place in the beautiful banquet hall of the temple and continued well into the night, the 'flow of soul' being brilliant and exceedingly entertaining. Among the speakers at the 'Table Lodge,' in addition to some of those mentioned above, was Bishop Potter, Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. In a room specially devoted to the same was exhibited a large and varied collection of Washingtoniana, so valuable, indeed, that an insurance of fifty thousand dollars was placed upon it while it remained on exhibition. No greater tribute was ever paid any man than was this gathering to commemorate the virtues of him whom every American patriot is proud to call the Father of his Country. And may it be that Americans will ever revere his memory, and that Masons everywhere will cherish his name as the chief

exemplar of a fraternity which would make 'of one blood all nations of men.' ”

It would seem that Brother WALKER must have fallen asleep while this writer made the address on “ Washington as a Freemason.” We can forgive him.

Upon recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence, Costa Rica was recognized, and fraternal relations with Italy were continued; while, with regard to Mexico and the Argentine Republic, further time was requested.

The monument to the memory of Grand Secretary SINGLETON was reported as ready for unveiling. It consists of a bust in bronze, upon a granite pedestal and base.

The Installation Communication was held on St. John the Evangelist's Day, and Grand Master EUBANK, of Virginia, was received with the honors due his station. The report of the Committee on Library shows good work, and an increase in the number and use of the books.

Number of Lodges, 26; initiated, 537; total membership, 6711, a gain of 454. Receipts, including balance, were \$15,171.33; disbursements, \$6506.08; balance, \$8665.25. The Board of Relief disbursed \$282.59.

In his installation address Grand Master WALKER said,—

“ I listened with admiration to the eloquent words of our distinguished brother, the President of the United States, on the 5th of last month, at the Washington sesqui-centennial exercises conducted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, and was much impressed with the thoughts to which he there gave expression in his estimation of the mission of Masonry, and especially when he asserted that were the wage-worker and the capitalist brought together upon the floor of the lodge-room, the result could be guaranteed; there would be no contention save that noble contention as to who could best work and best agree, and the suffering that has been entailed upon the people of our land because of cold

hearthstones and the inability to protect against winter's angry blasts might have been averted."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is, as usual, by the Chairman, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother GEORGE WASHINGTON BAIRD, who gives us another interesting report. He thinks that we Americans "do hurry too much," is "inclined to the principle of erring, if at all, on the side of mercy," and is "much inclined to the Masonic definition of *temperance*," but is not one of those who would break with Belgium because she affiliates with France; for, he says, "the Belgians do believe in a Supreme Being, and have preserved the Great Lights."

Pennsylvania for 1901, each page being "a gem of the printer's," is well summarized. The terse language and the eminently correct reasoning of the Committee on Appeals "is admirable, and is commended to our own interested brethren for a study."

Of Grand Master WAGNER's address, he says, "It has the ring of a good Mason and a man of energy," but Brother BAIRD thinks that his reference to one who had been illegally made a Mason in the District of Columbia while a resident of Tyrone, Pennsylvania, is not logical, Brother BAIRD basing his conclusion on the decision that *residence* means *where a man votes*, and as no man can vote in the District, therefore "no man resides in the capital of the nation." The confusion here results from different meanings given to *residence* and *resides*.

Brother BAIRD continues:

"The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, however, has not always held its present views on this subject. For example, in 1863, the prize steamer Princess Royal was brought within the harbor of Philadelphia and the command was turned over to one Peter N. Cruse, an acting master in the Navy. Bro. Cruse was a member of [a] Lodge of Pennsyl-

vania. Among the officers of the Princess Royal was one Robert S. Talbot, a native, resident, and voter in Massachusetts. The aforesaid Peter N. Cruse brought the petition of the aforesaid Robert S. Talbot into Meridian Sun Lodge, No. 158, and by a dispensation, for which Talbot paid \$10, the Grand Master granted a dispensation, upon which the aforesaid Talbot received the three symbolic degrees in one and the same night.

“Mr. Talbot, who resigned from the Navy in 1868, now resides at Cornwall-on-Hudson, in the State of New York.”

Unfortunately for our Brother, he is not correctly informed as to the facts. We have before us an extract from the minutes of Meridian Sun Lodge, No. 158, certified under the seal of the Lodge, showing that on July 5, 1864, the committee upon the petition of ROBERT S. TALBOT, applicant for initiation and membership, reported favorably, the report was received, the Committee discharged, the applicant balloted for, and duly approved of as worthy. It is true that a dispensation to pass and raise was granted, and that the three degrees were conferred the same evening, but the dispensation would have been useless had the applicant not been approved by the ballot.

On the Grand Lodge Register of members of Lodge No. 158, the following appears: “Robert S. Talbot, Profession, Engineer, age, 24, residence, Philadelphia.” The General Return of the Lodge for 1864 gives the address as “U. S. Gun Boat Unadilla.”

So that Brother BAIRD fails in his proof of his statement that “the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has not always held its present views on this subject.”

The inaugural address of Grand Master TENNIS “is a gem, not only from a literary standpoint, but for its historic interest.”

Our report received generous approbation, for which we thank our Brother. We cannot agree, however, with his state-

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ment that "the sense is the same" in the Ancient Charge as to physical qualifications as quoted by his Jurisprudence Committee, and as we showed it was printed in 1723.

Most Worshipful Brother GEORGE HAROLD WALKER, of Washington, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother ARVINE W. JOHNSTON, of Washington, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

ENGLAND—1903.

THE Most Worshipful United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England held a Quarterly Communication at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, March 4, A.D. 1903.

Most Worshipful Brother the Right Honorable the EARL AMHERST, Pro Grand Master.

There was but one nomination for Grand Treasurer (one of the two Grand Officers elected by the Grand Lodge of England, the other being the Grand Master). A Brother who had been suspended for improper conduct was deprived of his rank as Past Assistant Grand Pursuivant as an additional punishment.

The unauthorized publication of Lodge proceedings in the newspapers was brought up, and a motion was adopted requesting the Pro Grand Master to communicate with the editors of Masonic papers upon the subject; and the general question of dealing with the publication of unauthorized reports was referred to the special consideration of the Board of General Purposes, which our Brethren know is a kind of Executive Committee, which meets between the Quarterly Communications.

The receipts of the Fund of Benevolence for 1902 amounted to \$78,300, of which the Lodges contributed \$68,000, and \$1000 came from "fees of Honour," which are payments made on account of being appointed to office or rank in

Grand Lodge; \$56,475 were expended for the relief of petitioners for assistance, and \$4000 were donated to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. There is a balance of over \$308,000 in the Fund.

The receipts of the Fund for General Purposes amounted to \$96,565; disbursements, \$60,885 (including \$4000 for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, \$2625 for the London Hospitals, \$1250 for the St. Vincent sufferers). The balance amounts to over \$1,011,000.

The Annual Grand Festival, when the officers are installed, was held April 29, the usual entertainment following.

At the June Quarterly, a donation of \$350 was made to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for coal. The letter which was sent to every Lodge concerning improper publications in the newspapers, is well worthy of perusal.

In the report of the Board of General Purposes, presented at the September Quarterly, among the donations to the Grand Lodge Library, one might be puzzled to know what was the gift of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania which bears the title "Washington League Centennial Celebration."

Two hundred and fifty dollars were donated for a Parish Hall, in the Parish in which Freemasons' Hall is situated, the Craft being the largest property holder in that Parish.

No report on Correspondence.

Most Worshipful Brother His Royal Highness the DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, of London, Grand Master, re-elected; Very Worshipful Brother Sir EDWARD LETCHWORTH, F.S.A., of London, Grand Secretary, re-appointed.

FLORIDA—1903.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Jurisdiction of Florida began its Seventy-fourth Annual Communication in the Masonic Temple, in

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the City of Jacksonville, on Tuesday, January 20, A.D. 1903, and closed two days later.

Most Worshipful Brother JAMES CARNELL, Grand Master.

The annual address of the Grand Master is a long and painstaking document, showing energy and ability. He reported a year of prosperity and harmony. The death of Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother JAMES M. HILLIARD had made another break in the ranks of the Past Grand Masters, and suitable action was taken by the Grand Lodge. The subject of non-payment of dues in his own and some other Jurisdictions was carefully investigated by the Grand Master, and in consequence of his recommendation action was taken to secure uniformity of treatment of those liable to discipline.

The efficient work of Past Grand Master WRIGHT as writer of the report on Correspondence was justly commended.

Number of Lodges, 144; initiated, 451; total membership, 4905, a gain of 282. We fail to find the "itemized report of receipts and expenditures" which the Grand Treasurer stated he submitted.

Past Grand Master ANDERSON, Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Home, was, through illness, unable to be present, and a message of sympathy was sent to him.

The Grand Orator, Brother H. S. YERGER, delivered a forcible and interesting oration, which referred to certain parts of the work, and therefore could not properly be printed.

The recognition of the Grand Lodge of Argentine was deferred.

The Committee on Masonic Home and Orphanage did not think "the best way for dispensing this [*i.e.*, for the aged poor] Masonic charity was through the medium of a Home," or that the opportune time for building a Home had arrived; but, as a result of their recommendation, steps (including an assessment of fifty cents per capita) were taken to form a permanent fund and provide for its management.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The Masonic Relief Committee of Jacksonville reported that they had disbursed \$5974.

The "Temple" having been paid for in full, Right Worshipful Past Deputy Grand Master Brother GRANVILLE BEAL was appointed to write its history "from the time the first dollar was donated to the date of its finish."

A Past Grand Master's jewel was voted the retiring Grand Master, and he was requested to contribute his portrait.

The portrait of Most Worshipful Brother ENOS WASGATE, who was Grand Master in 1876-1877, forms the frontispiece.

Four Special Communications were held to lay cornerstones.

The report on Masonic Correspondence is by the Chairman, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother SILAS B. WRIGHT, who is a distinct addition to the Corps Reportorial, his second. It aims to enlighten the Craft in Florida, and we believe it to be very successful. Our Brother is well able to defend his end of an argument (see his New York), and he discusses from time to time a number of topics in a suggestive and interesting manner, particularly the recognition of Belgium. He does not agree with his Grand Lodge in its ruling with regard to the Past Master's "degree," so-called. To prove one a Mason, our Brother thinks both "tokens" and documents should be combined. A "skeleton" report on Correspondence does not commend itself to Brother WRIGHT, nor does it to us.

Pennsylvania for 1901 receives our Brother's review. He writes:

"The volume of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is one of the most interesting the writer has to review, both because it is well gotten up and well edited and because it contains so much different matter from the rule and practice in other jurisdictions. They have a code of their own, said to be a combination of the 'Ancients' and

‘Moderns,’ differing in many things from the practices in Massachusetts, New York and Virginia, all of which are old jurisdictions and all claiming to have the true ancient and original. To a Masonic student and a reader of the ‘Ars Quatuor Coronati’ and the proceedings of the ‘Lodge of Research,’ some of their contentions are a little amusing, though in many things each of those named are nearer the original and the land-marks than many of the newer Grand Lodges.”

While making no pretensions as a “Masonic student,” this writer, having been for some time a member of the Correspondence Circles of Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, London, and the Lodge of Research, No. 2429, Leicester, has not found the amusement our Brother seems to have found.

Quoting Grand Master WAGNER’s decision that

“An installed officer cannot resign his office, but must serve the term for which he was installed; he may, however, resign from the lodge (dimit), which course would necessarily vacate his office,”

Brother WRIGHT says,—

“This is precisely as we have it in Florida and which we recommend to our Kentucky brethren as the better way. It is probably the older way though the rule as laid down by Mackey is as they have it in Kentucky. To this our Pennsylvania brethren will reply that the Pennsylvania way is right because it is older, as some of the charters of the early lodges in South Carolina were issued from Philadelphia.”

A few lines are given to our report, which our Brother kindly says is “forceful, interesting, and instructive.”

Most Worshipful Brother THOMAS M. PULESTON, of Monticello, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother WILBER P. WEBSTER, of Jacksonville, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

GEORGIA—1902.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Georgia began its One Hundred and Sixteenth Annual Communication in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Macon, on Tuesday, October 28, A.D. 1902, and closed two days later.

Most Worshipful Brother MAX MEYERHARDT, Grand Master.

The annual address of the Grand Master is eloquent. The Craft has "reached the pinnacle of prosperity," there being a surplus of over \$16,000. The Masonic Home for Georgia is about to be begun, the necessary fund of \$10,000 being available. The decisions are numerous and, generally speaking, would be approved. One strikes us as peculiar,—namely, that it is unmasonic conduct for a petitioner for initiation and membership to conceal the fact that he had been convicted of a felony, had escaped from the penitentiary, and after that had led a blameless life for ten years! Apparently in Georgia there is no room for repentance.

The Grand Master reported that he had received an invitation to our Washington Sesqui-centennial Celebration, and referred it to the Grand Lodge, which authorized him to accept it, and made an appropriation for his expenses. His acceptance was duly received by our Committee, and a place was assigned to him in the third procession, which formed in the Grand Master's office, but unfortunately at the last our Most Worshipful Brother was not able to be with us, much to our regret.

On the evening of the first day no less than thirteen Brethren addressed Grand Lodge, this session being a social one, at which the Grand Master stated that he "hoped that every Brother who felt so disposed would say a few words for the good of the Order."

Sympathy was expressed with the Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother JOHN D. HARRELL, who was in

feeble health, and who declined the further advancement which his Brethren would gladly have accorded to him; also with Past Grand Master MOBLEY, who was absent.

An amendment to the Law, by which the Lodges are to be permitted to sub-rent their rooms to "other Secret Orders," seems to us very unwise. A new Constitution was unanimously adopted.

By direction of Grand Lodge, steel-engravings of the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary were to be given in the Proceedings; the portraits are given, we are glad to see, but they are not steel-engravings. The sum of \$500 was voted to erect a monument to the memory of Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother JOHN P. SHANNON.

At the morning session of the second day, during a recess, the children from the Industrial Home entertained the members of the Grand Lodge with songs and recitations, and a collection was taken up by the children, amounting to \$196.75, which was by the Grand Lodge increased to \$500.

Number of Lodges, 447, a gain of 4; initiated, 1855; total membership, 21,139, a gain of 295. Receipts, including balance, were \$50,801.46; disbursements, \$17,584.87; balance, \$33,216.59.

Our repeated request to Grand Secretary WOLIHIN to change the date of our organization as an *independent* Grand Lodge to September 25, 1786, in his list, is not yet granted. We still have hopes that he will make the correction.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by the Committee, Brother A. Q. MOODY, his second. He selects the more important happenings, and has his report printed in a clear manner. He several times points out where his Jurisdiction has been misrepresented, but too rarely gives his own views. We agree with him, under New Hampshire, when commenting upon a decision requiring the Master to examine the candidate as to his proficiency, in seeing no good reason why the Master should not designate some proficient Brother to conduct the examination. He also tells us that the North

Dakota "blind pig" is the same as the Georgia "blind tiger."

Pennsylvania for 1901 is well considered. We note that Past Grand Master BARGER's name is given incorrectly.

Referring to Grand Master WAGNER's decision that an installed officer cannot resign his office, but may resign from his Lodge, thereby vacating his office, Brother MOODY says,—

"Resigning from a lodge is an unusual way of being released from office. We do not think the word resign is well chosen in this case."

It is unusual for an installed officer, who, of course, has taken upon himself additional obligations, to wish to avoid those obligations; and resigning from the Lodge is the only course left. We may quote a few words from a decision of the late Brother Judge ARNOLD, when he was Grand Master:

"The words dimit and withdrawal card have no place in Masonic Law and practice. A dimit, strictly speaking, is a letter of dismissal from one body to another, as from one church to another church. In Freemasonry, instead of letters dismissory, dimits, or withdrawal cards, we have Lodge Certificates, which are preceded by resignation of membership."

Referring to Grand Master TENNIS's inaugural, it is stated that he "presents some beautiful thoughts, disclosing at the same time a large fund of historical information pertaining to Masonry."

Our report is "complete and able," and, as we failed to see what "the haunts of Mecca" have to do with Masons, Brother MOODY calls upon Brother LAMB DIN to "rise up and explain," which we hope he will do.

We wish we could have met Brother MOODY at our Wash-

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ington celebration in November, 1902, but as no reply was received to our invitation, perhaps he did not receive it.

Most Worshipful Brother MAX MEYERHARDT, of Rome, Grand Master, re-elected; Right Worshipful Brother W. A. WOLIHIN, of Macon, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

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THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Idaho began its Thirty-sixth Annual Communication in the Masonic Hall, in Boise, on Tuesday, September 8, A.D. 1903, and closed two days later.

Most Worshipful Brother DAVID F. MASON, Grand Master.

The annual address of the Grand Master is a very full (we had almost said, too full, because of the correspondence embodied in it) account of his doings, which were characterized by firmness and discretion.

He gives an account of his visit to our celebration as follows:

“ On November 5th, 1902, I had the honor to be present at the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, held in Philadelphia, in the largest Masonic Temple in the world. This meeting was in honor of the 150th anniversary of the initiating of Brother George Washington into the Fraternity. There were about 550 brethren present, representing 440 lodges in that Grand Jurisdiction. Of the Western Jurisdictions, Arizona and Idaho were the only States represented.

“ Grand Master Edgar A. Tennis was equal to the occasion, and nothing was left undone for the comfort and happiness of those who were fortunate enough to be present. Grand Master Tennis opened the Grand Lodge at 12:05 high twelve, and used the gavel, and sat in the same chair once

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used by Brother George Washington, the chair being now the property of the city council of Philadelphia, and being brought from Old Independence Hall. The apron presented to Bro. Washington by Bro. Lafayette, and now the property of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was also on exhibition. The minutes of Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, Fredericksburg, Virginia, were also on exhibition, and shows Bro. Washington to have been initiated on November 4th, 1752, passed March 3d, 1753, and raised to Master Mason August 4, 1753, and showing his regular attendance, and last but not least was that great light in Masonry, the Holy Bible on which Bro. George Washington was obligated, and though those lips that sealed the token of sincerity in which he was then engaged are silent in death these many years, his acts of freedom and justice still live in men of all walks in life, who deem it a great favor to level themselves with the Fraternity and patronize its assemblies.

“ Bro. Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, was present on this occasion and said he thanked the brethren of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for having given him a chance to be present, and while his pleasure was great to stand before such a body of men as was there assembled, yet he thought it a greater pleasure when going into some little lodge where he met the plain, hard-working men—the men who worked with their hands—and met them on a footing of genuine equality conditioned on each man being a decent man, and a fair-dealing man.”

He also refers to the death of Past Grand Master ARNOLD. Grand Secretary RANDALL, in his excellent report, states:

“ In addition to the proceedings of sister Grand Lodges which have been placed in the library, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania presented us with ‘ Memorial Volume Washington Sesqui-centennial celebration,’ which was celebration at Philadelphia on November 5, 1902, a volume of 382 pages,

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beautifully engraved, illustrated and bound; also a reprint of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania from 1779 to 1848, in seven volumes, appropriately bound, which were gratefully received, appreciated and acknowledged."

Number of Lodges not stated, about 33; initiated, 169; total membership, 1698. Receipts, including balance, were \$4586.33; disbursements, \$1376; balance, \$3210.33. There seem to be several funds, such as Representative, District Deputy, and Orphans' funds, so that we are not sure that we give an accurate statement of the finances. The Orphans' Fund amounts to \$37,759.

A reception and banquet were given to the members of the Grand Lodge, and their wives and daughters, by Boise Lodge, No. 2, and the ladies of Adah Chapter, No. 8, Order of the Eastern Star.

In a report from the Committee on Jurisprudence, stating that the Grand Master did not have authority to set aside the by-laws of a Lodge to allow the Lodge to meet at one P.M. (that being unnecessary, as the Worshipful Master could have convened his Lodge at any time for work), we find this remarkable statement: "Our By-Laws do not fix the number who may be initiated, passed, or raised at one meeting." Surely "initiated" is a misprint here; something higher than a By-Law fixes that.

The Chairman, Brother GEORGE E. KNEPPER, presents the report on Foreign Correspondence, his second, and so well succeeds in "striving to keep the personal element" out of his report, that he does not express his opinion more than half a dozen times.

We find that he is conservative on the matter of physical qualifications; and very strong against dispensations to confer degrees out of time, and we agree; thinks, from an experience in four States, "that prohibitory edicts do not prevent the use of rituals, and spurious rituals at that," and that "three Masons would be a make-shift Lodge," and in-

clines to the opinion that making a Mason at sight is not an Ancient Landmark. Our Brother's report abounds in good things, which he has gathered, and is well arranged in paragraphs.

In his review of Pennsylvania for 1902, he says,—

“The writer becomes bewildered when he tries to review the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. He left the state in 1861, probably never to return, so that it is reasonably sure that the fact that this is his native state is not the reason for the feeling of reverence that takes possession of him as he tries to condense in a few short paragraphs an account of the magnificent Masonic work of a whole year.”

Grand Master TENNIS's annual address is “full of good things,” a long extract being made; and less than three lines dispose of our report, which our Brother said he had read “kiver to kiver;” but he gives the following full account of our Memorial Volume, and, as we prepared that book, we shall not mind:

“The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has issued a memorial volume entitled ‘Washington Sesqui-Centennial Celebration, Nov. 5, 1902.’ This volume, heavily bound in blue cloth, contains 382 pages and must be seen to be fully appreciated. It contains nineteen full-page illustrations and the printing and engraving embody all that is known in these lines to date. A more elegant volume than this would be hard for the imagination to depict.

“The frontispiece, of course, is a fine steel engraving of George Washington. On page ninety-three is found a fine picture of Edgar A. Tennis, Right Worshipful Grand Master, and on page 107, Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States. Other illustrations include the Sesqui-Centennial Committee, Masonic Temple, Washington Residence

in Philadelphia, Rare Masonic Portrait of Washington, The Washington Relics, etc.

“The preliminaries of the celebration were in the hands of a committee of twelve who seem to have provided for everything and omitted nothing desirable. Appropriate medals were presented to every visitor and one sent to each Grand Lodge holding fraternal relations with Pennsylvania.

“The Hall arrangements were too complex and the Order of Procession too elaborate to be embodied in this review. The program was well arranged. It included seven pieces of music. The main features of the program follow: ‘Address of Welcome,’ ‘Reply on behalf of the visiting Grand Officers,’ ‘Address by President Roosevelt,’ ‘Oration—Washington as a Freemason,’ ‘Oration—Washington as a Citizen,’ ‘Greetings from Visiting Grand Masters.’

“Thirty pages are given to the names of committees of the Grand Lodge, Representatives from subordinate lodges, and visiting brethren. David F. Mason, our own Grand Master, was among the visitors. One hundred and six pages are devoted to addresses as indicated in the program. Each speaker’s remarks are given in full, which makes a series of rare gems of Masonic literature.

“The banquet was as good as could be procured. The after dinner speeches, printed in full, were a happy combination of wit and humor and Masonic wisdom. ‘The Washington Relics’ are too well known to be even mentioned here. Two pages set them out by way of illustration and each one is given an historical description. They are twelve in number.

“Doubtless the Grand Lodge could make a better book than the one under review, but doubtless no Grand Lodge ever did.”

The frontispiece, very appropriately, is a portrait of the incoming Grand Master.

Most Worshipful Brother JOSHUA M. COWEN, of Mountainhome, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother THEOPHILUS W. RANDALL, of Boise, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

ILLINOIS—1903.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois began its Sixty-fourth Annual Grand Communication at Studebaker Hall, in the City of Chicago, on Tuesday, October 6 A.D. 1903, and closed two days later.

Most Worshipful Brother GEORGE M. MOULTON, Grand Master.

We are told that a very pleasing innovation was the musical exercises incident to the opening of Grand Lodge, presented with the compliments of St. Cecilia Lodge, No. 865, whose members composed the orchestra and the Lexington Quartette.

The Grand Master's annual address shows a vigilant and faithful officer. He reported peace and harmony among the Brethren, and the greatest increase in membership in one year ever reported.

The deaths of Past Grand Masters AMES, BROMWELL, and BROWNING, and Past Grand Treasurer EGAN were announced, and fitting tributes were paid by the Grand Master, and, later, by Brethren of Grand Lodge at a memorial service, the morning of the third day; portraits of these Brethren and of Most Worshipful Brothers THOMAS J. PICKETT, Grand Master in 1851, WILLIAM B. WARREN, Grand Master in 1853, JAMES L. ANDERSON, Grand Master in 1854, and WILLIAM B. HERRICK, Grand Master in 1855, are given, while that of the retiring Grand Master forms the frontispiece.

Four hundred and fifty dollars were expended from the Charity Fund for certain beneficiaries, whose full names are recorded, and one thousand dollars were generously donated for the sufferers by flood at East St. Louis.

The Grand Master had acted promptly and effectively in exposing clandestine Masonry, which was sought to be

introduced from the bogus so-called "Grand Lodge of Ohio."

To succeed Grand Treasurer EGAN, who felt compelled to resign, owing to ill health, Brother LEROY A. GODDARD was appointed.

Excellent progress with the erection of the Illinois Masonic Home, on a farm near Sullivan, was reported, and an additional grant of \$15,000 was given by Grand Lodge.

Number of Lodges, 729, a gain of 5; initiated, 5759; total membership, 66,621; a gain of 3549. Contributed to charity, \$36,534.15. Receipts, including balance, were \$104,299.40; disbursements, \$59,755.39; balance, \$44,544.01. Charity Fund amounts to \$23,520.09.

The Grand Orator, Brother Dr. JAMES B. McFATRICK, delivered an oration, which Past Grand Master COOK characterized as "stirring, beautiful, elegant, and most eloquent."

The property and effects of the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home, and the Illinois Masonic Home for the Aged, were transferred to the Grand Lodge, which will make suitable provision for their maintenance.

It is a great satisfaction that the able report of the Committee on Masonic Correspondence with regard to recognizing certain Grand Lodges, which was presented in 1901, and which was laid over till 1902, and again till 1903, was finally adopted, without amendment. Why Grand Secretary DILL has not reprinted the report we are at a loss to understand. The report recommended that a resolution do not pass, which proposed to enter into fraternal relations with the Grand Lodges of Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Republic of Peru, Valle de Mexico, Spain, Egypt, Hungary, Saxony, Electric Union, Prussia, The Three Globes, Switzerland, Holland, and the Grand National Lodge of Freemasons of Germany. In his able report, Brother ROBBINS amply justifies his adverse recommendation.

In our report last year, referring to an earnest, indeed, we may say strenuous, letter of the Grand Master of Illinois

to our Grand Master, with regard to the case of a Brother who had failed to receive a Masonic burial, we said, without knowing the circumstances of the case,—

“ Our distinguished Most Worshipful Brother thinks he has a cause of complaint against our Jurisdiction with regard to its rule, that correspondence between Subordinate Lodges of other Jurisdictions and our own must be carried on through the respective Grand Masters.

“ We venture to think that in these days of telegraph and telephone, the rule is extremely seldom, if ever, liable to deprive a Brother of Masonic burial.”

As we have noticed that our Most Worshipful Brother's letter has occasioned some comment, we have taken the trouble to investigate the facts in the case mentioned, and find that the responsibility for the failure of the Brother to receive a Masonic burial rests with the Grand Master of Illinois, who, although advised in time, did nothing except telegraph the Illinois Lodge that he “ knew of no law or usage requiring that permission be given to any Lodge to bury any deceased Master Mason.”

The facts are as follows: Late on the afternoon of Thursday, June 19, 1902, the Secretary of Lodge No. 43, at Lancaster, received a request for Masonic burial from the sisters of Brother S., who had died in Denver, and who, as the Secretary found out after some trouble, was a member of Lodge No. 102, at Rockford, Illinois. He at once wired the Rockford Lodge: “ Brother S.'s sisters desire a Masonic funeral for their brother. Have your Grand Master telegraph the Grand Master of Pennsylvania to request Lodge No. 43 to attend to it.”

The funeral was fixed for four p.m. Sunday, the 22d.

Friday morning, at 10.50, a reply was received: “ Such permission of Grand Master not necessary.” The Secretary at once telegraphed: “ Our Grand Master must direct us to

conduct funeral, or we cannot do it. Your Grand Master will have to ask him."

This message, as appears from a letter of Grand Master MOULTON's, was telegraphed by the Master of Rockford Lodge to his Grand Master.

Our Lancaster Brethren went ahead with their preparations for the funeral, and not till about 2.30 on Sunday afternoon did a telegram arrive from the Master of the Rockford Lodge, saying, "Our Grand Master telegraphs, knows no law requiring such permission."

Under the circumstances, our Brother could do nothing at all. It is not to be expected that our "usages" (for which we have good and sufficient reasons), should be known to Brother MOULTON, but, having been informed of them, even if they did not meet his approval, he should have complied, and afterwards, had he felt so disposed, he could have, at his leisure, taken the matter up with our Grand Master.

Upon receipt of a letter from Brother MOULTON, dated June 23, Grand Master TENNIS, who had known nothing of the case, at once granted the necessary permission, but too late, as it turned out.

Our Most Worshipful Brother need have no anxiety with regard to such cases, as his imagination suggests; when they arise, they will be treated by the Grand Master of Pennsylvania in the way that true Masonic charity dictates.

The report on Masonic Correspondence is by the Committee, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother Dr. JOSEPH ROBBINS, the dean of the Corps Reportorial, now that Brother DRUMMOND is no more with us, and well worthy it is of the head of such a body of Masonic writers as make up the Corps.

From this very excellent and complete report we should like to make many extracts, but we must be content with a few.

Under New Jersey, referring to President ROOSEVELT's address at Philadelphia, Brother ROBBINS says,—

“The grand master was a guest at the sesqui-centennial celebration of WASHINGTON’S initiation and was greatly impressed by the whole affair, but particularly so by the address of President ROOSEVELT, which he says, those who heard will never forget. It was certainly a remarkable address to emanate from one who had been only a few months a Mason, such a presentation of the true significance of Masonry as usually comes only after years of thinking on the subject.”

Under North Dakota, referring to Brother THOMPSON’S “Juvenile Rite,” which was referred to a committee, Brother ROBBINS says,—

“If the distinguished scientists will permit a suggestion from one who is not even a lay member, but only an onlooker at the council of deliberation, we could advise them to cautious prevision in the selection of a name. ‘Juvenile Rite’ is too modest and too general. Adolescent Rite, would be much more orotund and more specific. It is scientifically correct in its application to the period of years to be covered, and it divides that period sharply from those that precede it, leaving sufficiently defined periods for the Kindergarten Rite and the Suckling’s Rite, which will logically follow if this rite ‘wins out’—as the prevailing slang has it.”

Under Virginia, we agree:

“We dissent from the proposition that attending divine services as a lodge is a Masonic occasion. To exercise so much of duress as attaches to the authorized turning out of his lodge for this purpose, in determining when and where a brother shall worship his Creator, clearly finds no countenance in the ancient law. A minor consideration is that ostentatious church going is open to the suspicion, generally not unjust, of being done for advertising purposes.”

Pennsylvania for 1902 receives full notice. Referring to the adoption of the resolution recognizing Costa Rica, reported by Past Grand Master ARNOLD, Brother ROBBINS says,—

“Its adoption by the grand lodge must have sent a shiver through the portrait of his illustrious predecessor in the chairmanship, Past Grand Master Richard Vaux, who with the heart of his great namesake and the hammer of Thor, stood ready to smite in any form which it might assume, the proposition that there could be a body outside of the grand lodge system possessing a shadow of authority in Ancient Craft Masonry.”

We confess to having doubts about that resolution.

After giving an outline of our Washington celebration, which is said to have been “undoubtedly the most brilliant in the lavish but chaste elegance and perfection of detail of all its appointments, and, held amid the splendors of their [our] matchless temple, was undoubtedly the most brilliant Masonic function which ever occurred in this country,” a description is given of the Memorial Volume. Brother ROBBINS continues:

“We have already, elsewhere in this report, spoken of the remarkable quality of President Roosevelt’s address—how he had gotten at the core of Masonry when only a few months a Mason, to a degree to at once arrest attention. Perhaps this was because he had already been doing a good deal of thinking along the lines which run into the central purpose of Masonry, which aims at and compasses the casting out of that suspicion which keeps men apart, and brings them together on the simple, equal basis of a common manhood. Be this as it may, a man’s first necessary preparation for Masonry has not been neglected when he talks like this.”

Then follow a number of extracts from Brother ROOSEVELT's address.

Grand Master TENNIS's address and his decisions are commented upon at length, no less than thirteen of the latter being quoted. Our dear Brother's comments on the first one he quotes, lead us to think that, as he confessed on a former occasion, he was "sleepy" when he wrote them. He quotes this decision (*italics ours*):

"No Lodge can pass a resolution instructing the Representative of the Lodge to Grand Lodge to *cast his Representative vote for any particular candidate*. The Representative of a Lodge in *the matter of annual elections* is what his name implies, a Representative of the absent Past Masters. It is his duty to follow instructions given him by the aforesaid Past Masters. In the absence of instructions from them he is privileged to use his own judgment. A Worshipful Master should not entertain a motion of this kind and should not tolerate any discussion upon this subject."

Brother ROBBINS then says,—

"Just how the name 'representative of a lodge' implies that he is only the mouth piece of the absent past Masters we presume we shall never know. We presume it is somehow wrapped up in the awful sanctities of the Ahiman Rezon, whose awe inspiring title always makes us shiver at the thought of questioning its mysteries."

Again recurring to this decision, he says,—

"We are at a loss, from the language used, to know whether the inhibition extends to all subjects. Be that as it may, we hold that the right of a lodge to instruct its representatives to be clearly rooted in the landmarks. It was a part of the contract, so to speak, when the general assembly gave way to the grand lodge."

We must confess that we, too, “are at a loss” to know what clearer language could be used to express just what was intended. The matter for decision was as to the right to instruct upon the single point of voting for Grand Officers at the annual election. For the benefit of our Brother we quote from the Ahiman Rezon, whose title seems to move him strangely, the following:

“Art IX. Sec. 17. On all questions before the Grand Lodge, when a vote by Lodges is requested by the Representatives of five Lodges, and in the election of the Grand Officers, each Representative shall be entitled to cast one vote for each member of his Lodge who is a member of the Grand Lodge, and who is not present.

“Sec. 18. A Lodge when duly assembled may, by vote of a majority of the members present, instruct its Master, Wardens, and Representative, on any subject to be considered in the Grand Lodge, and such instructions, recorded on the minutes of the Lodge, shall be binding upon such officers and Representative, except that any Past Master may direct the Representative to vote specially for him.”

Our Brother is right in thinking that Pennsylvania does not permit “working by courtesy.” While personally this writer might be inclined to favor the conferring the second and third degrees “by courtesy,” he thinks that the conferring of the first in that manner is wrong in principle; for, up until the very time a petitioner has received the first degree, it is the right of any member to object, the objection acting as a blackball, and the Lodge has no power to abrogate that right.

Referring to two decisions concerning petitioners “born out of wedlock,” Brother ROBBINS says,—

“We have never thought it probable that the words ‘descended of honest parents,’ referred to the question of legiti-

mate birth ; and we know of nothing else to hang this decision on."

We wish our Brother had stated what he thinks the words "descended of honest parents" do refer to, for upon this provision of the Charges of a Freemason, as given in the Constitutions of 1723, this decision hangs. When it is recalled that the word "*honest*" comes to us, through "*honestus*," from the Latin word "*honor*," honor, we are at a loss to understand how illegitimate children can be said to be "descended of honest parents."

Our report comes in for consideration. It seems that in Illinois the correct way of designating a Past Grand Master is one of the unsettled things.

Referring to our commendation of the excellent index our Brother had taken the time to make, "even if he did not have much time left for our report," he says,—

"Rather than rest under the suspicion of preferring the drudgery of index-making to the pleasure of reading one of our brother's sparkling reports, we are obliged to confess that we did not have time to prepare the index before our report was submitted, but made it after the grand lodge closed. He notes that we are strenuous for the proper requirements in the make-up of any body asking to be recognized as a sovereign grand lodge, but we are hopeful that he will yet see that we are not unduly so. One may sometimes do what he will with his own ; if he is executing a trust he must do it in conformity with the terms on which he accepted it. Now that he is advanced to the chairmanship of the committee, made vacant by the death of the lamented ARNOLD—as we notice by a recent press item, he may perhaps feel an added weight of responsibility when confronted with these questions which take hold of the fundamental requirements of Freemasonry."

Brother ROBBINS closes his review as follows:

“ It will remain among our lasting regrets that after hoping otherwise until a late hour, we were compelled to decline the valued invitation of Grand Master TENNIS to be present at their Washington celebration. We had hoped then to have an opportunity to try and square ourself with Brother LAMBERTON for the way his name had been buffeted about, but there may be compensations; we might have succeeded in that, but how could we have squared our bad grammar?”

Referring to a report of the Committee on Appeals at our March Communication, recommending that an appeal from the action of a Lodge in expelling a Brother be dismissed, Brother ROBBINS says,—

“ We are not advised upon what ground the committee hold that the judgment of the lodge is, so far as the merits of the case are concerned, beyond the reach of the grand lodge. Such is not the doctrine of the landmarks as interpreted by nearly if not quite every jurisdiction in the United States, the British Islands, and Australasia. In this case no injustice may have been done, but the committee confess their own impotency (because of the impotency of the grand lodge) to afford a remedy, even if manifestly too severe. A grand lodge sitting as a supreme court of the fraternity and assuming to review a case which comes up on appeal, yet confessing that it cannot do full justice therein is a sorry spectacle in the eyes of gods and men.”

Our Brother must have been “sleepy” again. Our Committee on Appeals did *not* hold that the judgment of the Lodge is, so far as the merits of the case are concerned, beyond the reach of the Grand Lodge, nor did it “confess” “impotency” to afford a remedy if manifestly too severe.

If our Brother will re-read the concluding paragraphs of the report, he should see that his criticisms are unfounded. *In the appeal as it was before them*, the Committee thought,

and we agree, that the only questions for them were the jurisdiction of the Lodge, the regularity of the proceedings, whether a Masonic offence was charged and Masonically proved, and the power of the Lodge to impose the penalty inflicted.

The Committee did not, and did not intend to, intimate that the Grand Lodge itself did not have the power *in a proper proceeding* to reduce the penalty or remit a portion of it, if in its opinion it was too severe for the offence committed. So far as the Committee was concerned, they did not consider the penalty too severe, but they also thought that it was not their place to prejudge that question. The counsel of the appellant urged this matter, and the Committee thought it right to phrase their report, so that if an application for remission should be made, the appellant would not find his case prejudged, or prejudiced, either by the report of the Committee or the action of the Grand Lodge thereon.

If Brother ROBBINS were not a layman, he would realize the danger of doing injustice in passing upon questions not properly before one for decision. We are sure that in Masonry, as in civil life, the regular, orderly method of proceeding is the best. Further, for the benefit of our Brother, we may say that hardly a year goes by without application to the Grand Lodge for the remission or reduction of penalties imposed by Lodges on their members; that these applications have always been acted upon by the Grand Lodge, sometimes granted and sometimes refused; but the power of the Grand Lodge in the premises has never, so far as we are informed, been questioned.

Most Worshipful Brother WILLIAM B. WRIGHT, of Effingham, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother J. H. C. DILL, of Bloomington, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

INDIAN TERRITORY—1902-1903.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Indian Territory began its Twenty-ninth Annual Communication at South McAlester, Choctaw Nation, on Thursday, August 14, A.D. 1902, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother HENRY M. FURMAN, Grand Master.

One is tempted to ask, "What is the Constitution between friends?" after reading of the casual manner in which the good Brethren of Indian Territory "verbally" changed their time of meeting, without having any record of the same in the Proceedings of the Communication when the change was adopted.

The annual address of the Grand Master, while long, shows an earnest and wise administration. We wonder how the Grand Master came to be called upon to decide that "An Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft should not wear mourning for a deceased Mason."

Brother MURROW, in his "Recapitulation," states the number of chartered Lodges as 102 and Lodges under dispensation as 2, yet the list he gives shows 106 of the former and 7 of the latter. Raised, 465; total membership, 4549, a gain of 373. Receipts, including balance, were \$12,905.70; disbursements, \$4626.25; balance, \$8279.45.

The Grand Orator, Brother HARRY W. FIELDING, delivered in public an oration upon the Working Tools of a Fellow Craft, which is long, and fully up to the Iowa standard in poetry.

Through the efforts of Grand Master FURMAN, as Financial Agent for the proposed Orphans' Home, nearly \$4000 were added to the fund, which now amounts to \$10,445, and that Brother generously contributed to it his commission.

The Brethren of Indian Territory continue their good work of educating a large number of children.

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The report on Correspondence is by Brother EUGENE HAMILTON, who presents his work in two parts; in the first, endeavoring briefly and, we add, successfully, but as fully as possible, to set forth the salient features in the proceedings reviewed that were of more than local interest; in the second, giving us in a topical form a number of interesting quotations. He rarely gives his own opinions; in one case, however, he gives his views as to the amount of fees, thinking "that they should be just sufficient to provide the necessary funds to equip and care for the lodges, and provide assistance to those who are worthy and distressed," which is right. He also thinks there is a tendency to over-legislate on all sides, in Grand Lodges as well as in State and municipal legislative bodies, and again he is right.

Pennsylvania for 1901 is considered. Our Brother thinks Grand Master WAGNER's decision that none but Master Masons of six months' standing can be passed to the Chair by dispensation "is cruel;" why, we are unable to say. Our report is called "long and elaborate," and our remark upon advertising in the nature of a Masonic oration being delivered in public, is quoted without comment.

The Thirtieth Annual Communication was begun at Tishomingo, Chickasaw Nation, on Thursday, August 13, 1903, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother ROYAL J. ALLEN, Grand Master.

The annual address of the Grand Master contains a full account of his doings, together with some sound admonitions. A just tribute was paid to the devoted energy of Past Grand Master FURMAN, the Financial Agent of the Orphans' Home, whose eloquent report showed an increase in the fund of over \$5000, to more than \$16,000 of the \$50,000 needed.

Grand Secretary MURROW, in his complete report, mentions among additions to the Grand Lodge Library, "a set of bound volumes, the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Penn-

sylvania, from the organization of Freemasonry in that old Commonwealth dating back to Colonial days down to fifty years ago."

Number of Lodges, 124, including one under dispensation, 125, a gain of 14; raised 455; total membership, 4994, a gain of 317. Receipts, including balance, were \$15,078.05; disbursements, \$5299.61; balance, \$9778.44.

The address of the Grand Orator, Brother D. H. LINDBAUGH, "From whence came you and whither travelling?" was not delivered, owing to the illness of that Brother, but it is printed in full.

No less than sixty-five orphans were assisted by the Lodges.

The portrait of the incoming Grand Master forms, appropriately, the frontispiece, and before the report on Correspondence is the portrait of the Committee, Most Worshipful Brother THOMAS C. HUMPHREY, Worshipful Master of McAlester Lodge, No. 81, and a Past Grand Master of Arkansas, who summarizes briefly the more notable occurrences and gives interesting excerpts. Only at times does he express an opinion, and we heartily agree with him in disapproving of speaking of Lodge affairs and business before those who are not members of the Craft.

Ever since this writer has had anything to do with Correspondence reports, he has striven against the printing of unnecessary details and names in reports of Committees on Grievances and Appeals. One of the strongest cases which illustrate the impropriety, not to say the wrong, of such printing is seen in a case we notice in the two Proceedings now under review. In that for 1902, we find a resolution printed in full recommending that a Brother, the Master of his Lodge, giving his name, should be tried for gross unmasonic conduct,—namely, "that during the months of March and April, 1902, the said [giving name] did caress, indecently fondle, and carnally know,"—then is given the full name of the daughter of "a worthy Master Mason," his name also being given!

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In the Proceedings of 1903, we learn from the Grand Master's address, that the report of the Committee "not only clears the brother's name of all appearance or taint of guilt, but is a complete vindication of the Grand Lodge and the craft at large." The closing sentence of the report is, "The conclusions of your committee further is [*sic*], that Brother [the name being given] has been grievously wronged and has greatly suffered, and that he should be set right before the fraternity as expeditiously as may be."

We should say that the Grand Lodge itself, by allowing such a charge to be spread abroad before the Masonic world, has, indeed, "grievously wronged" the Brother. It is impossible to estimate how many who saw the original charge (which we have copied with the very greatest reluctance), also saw the vindication.

We are utterly at a loss to understand how some of our Brethren can print in their Proceedings the names of daughters of Masons who have, or it is charged have, suffered insult or worse from Masons.

Power should be given to all Grand Secretaries to suppress names (initials answer every necessary purpose) and improper details.

Pennsylvania for 1902 is reviewed, and our Brother says he wants to plead guilty to this writer (whose name by the way he twice curtails) of getting the invitation to attend our Washington celebration, and neglecting to make proper acknowledgment. "I realize," he writes, "that I missed the opportunity of my life to meet so distinguished a body of Masons."

A generous quotation is made from Grand Master TENNIS's address. Our report is "all instructive reading."

Most Worshipful Brother PHILIP D. BREWER, of South McAlester, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother JOSEPH S. MURROW, of Atoka, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

INDIANA—1903.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Indiana began its Eighty-second Annual "Meeting" in Grand Lodge Hall, in the City of Indianapolis, on Tuesday, May 26, A.D. 1903, being the eighty-sixth year of the Grand Lodge, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother JAMES W. DUNBAR, Grand Master.

The annual address of the Grand Master is excellent and practical, though somewhat long. The year just closed he reported as one of unusual prosperity. He referred to the death of former Grand Secretary SMYTHE, who, in the earliest and middle portion of his career as such, had, by his untiring energy, done so much for the Craft. From the Grand Master's address, it is evident that there is great want of uniformity in the work in Indiana.

The word "Pennsylvania," in the following, is a slip of the Grand Master's pen, for, according to our regulations, no Lodge can advance any but its own members (Ahiman Rezon, Art. XVII., Sec. 28).

"I hereby acknowledge the Grand Lodge of Indiana to be indebted for courtesy extended by Grand Lodges of New Jersey and Pennsylvania in conferring a Fellowcraft and Master Mason degree upon members of Lodges in Indiana, who had moved to those States before an opportunity was had by their respective Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction to confer the necessary degrees."

Number of Lodges, including 8 under dispensation, 518, a gain of 15; initiated, 35,107; total membership, 37,318, a gain of 2211. Receipts, including balance, \$39,608.85; disbursements, \$20,113.77; balance, \$19,495.18.

The invitation to participate in the erection of a "Temple

of Fraternity" on the Exposition grounds at St. Louis, was respectfully declined, the Committee on Ways and Means having very sensibly, as it seems to us, even if somewhat ungrammatically, reported against it, "in view of the fact that the Grand Lodge of Indiana having from its organization to the present time refused to co-operate in any movement unless of a strictly Masonic character."

A Past Grand Master's jewel was presented to the retiring Grand Master, whose portrait forms the frontispiece, by Brother CHARLES N. MICKELS, whose eloquent words seem to have aroused enthusiasm in the Grand Lodge.

Hereafter such a jewel is to be given by the Grand Lodge to every retiring Grand Master, and for the four who in the past did not receive them, the Grand Secretary was ordered to procure them.

Grand Secretary PRATHER continues to ask for information as to the terms of service of Grand Secretaries, and continues to omit to fill in the full date of our Grand Secretary's service (May 15, 1896), which we now give him for the fourth time.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is this year by Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother SIMEON S. JOHNSON, "reviewer," whose work is commendable; it certainly is "readable and instructive," as he hoped it would be. The different reviews are usually condensed and printed in paragraphs, which is a helpful arrangement. Our Brother criticises and gives his views in an interesting manner, and we are glad to agree with him very often. He sees no objection to a petitioner sending in his petition shortly before he is twenty-one, nor do we; he thinks "the tendency in Grand Lodges is to print too much," especially in reports of Committees on Appeals and Grievances, and we agree.

Under Illinois, Brother JOHNSON quotes a letter from the Grand Master of that Jurisdiction to our Grand Master, with regard to our rule as to correspondence between the Grand Lodge and other Grand Lodges being carried on between and

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through the Grand Masters, and states, "It shows conclusively that iron-clad rules work badly sometimes." We refer our Brother to Illinois, in this report.

On the physical qualification question, our Brother does not approve of the old requirement that a man should be sound in all his limbs and members.

Pennsylvania for 1902 comes under review, yet no mention is made of our Washington Sesqui-centennial celebration, although our Brother was invited to be present. Perhaps it should be stated that an invitation was sent, for, as no reply was received, the inference is that the invitation was not received. Indeed, of the four Indiana Brethren to whom invitations were sent, the only one from whom a reply was received was Brother WILLIAM E. ENGLISH, now the Grand Master.

Several extracts are made from Grand Master TENNIS's address; as to one, regarding profanity and drunkenness, Brother JOHNSON says,—

"These are strong words and true, and ought to be heeded by every Mason whether in Pennsylvania, Indiana, or any other Jurisdiction."

There is no reference to our report on Correspondence.

Most Worshipful Brother WILLIAM E. ENGLISH, of Indianapolis, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother CALVIN W. PRATHER, of Indianapolis, Grand Secretary re-elected.

IOWA—1903.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Iowa, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, began its Sixtieth Annual Communication in the City of Waterloo, in the Grace M. E. Church, on Tuesday, June 2, A.D. 1903, and closed two days later.

Most Worshipful Brother WILLIS S. GARDNER, Grand Master.

In accordance with Iowa custom, the members of the Grand Lodge were escorted from one of the hotels by a Commandery of Knights Templar to the place of meeting, where public exercises, consisting of prayer, music, and an address of welcome and response, were held.

After Grand Lodge had been opened, the Grand Master delivered his address, which is strong and forceful. He reported the deaths of Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother ALBERT C. ABBOTT and Right Worshipful Past Senior Grand Warden Brother DAVID S. DEERING, and their portraits, as well as those of three departed Grand Secretaries (Brothers D. MURRAY LYON, of Scotland, JOHN D. CALDWELL, of Ohio, and JEFFERSON S. CONOVER, of Michigan), are given, and tributes are paid to all these Brethren by the Iowa Craft.

The Grand Master expressed his regret that he could not attend our Washington celebration, and acknowledged the receipt of one of the medals and a copy of the Memorial Volume, concerning which Grand Secretary PARVIN, in his admirable report as Librarian, says,—

“The Proceedings of this gathering were made matter of permanent record, and published in a splendidly conceived and elegantly executed volume. A copy of this book, of limited edition, has been received at the Library. In subject matter, illustration, and typographical arrangement the volume is a model.”

Brother PARVIN's report as Grand Secretary and his tables of statistics are comprehensive, as usual, and the Proceedings are published in excellent form, and poetry is not forgotten. We note that this writer's name is misspelled on page 310.

The frontispiece is a picture of the Library and its annex, which has just been acquired and will furnish much needed

room for the fine collection of books and curios, for which this Grand Lodge is so well known, and which is so admirably administered.

Number of Lodges, 503, a loss of two; initiated, 2375; total membership, 33,181, a gain of 1372. Receipts, including balance, were \$58,499.29; disbursements, \$31,900.51; balance, \$26,598.78. The Charity Fund disbursed \$4286.35. The Permanent Charity Fund amounts to \$9671.89.

In the excellent report on Fraternal Dead, our loss of Past Grand Master ARNOLD is recorded.

A committee of one was appointed to try and ascertain the exact height of the pillars which stood at the entrance of King Solomon's Temple.

The telegraphic greetings sent to Nebraska and to our Grand Lodge are given, together with the replies.

The Brethren of Waterloo were untiring in their efforts to make the sojourn of the members of Grand Lodge delightful. We were sent a copy of the very attractive "Souvenir" which was issued. We hope it will not be thought ill-natured if, passing over one or two questionable historical statements, we enter a protest against placing under the portrait of GEORGE WASHINGTON the legend, "First Grand Master of Virginia," for the very excellent reason that it is not true.

The portraits of the retiring and incoming Grand Masters, the Grand Wardens, and the Grand Treasurer, with sketches of their lives, are of special interest.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence is by Brother JOSEPH E. MORCOMBE, his second, there being no falling off in his work, but the contrary. Our Brother's reviews are largely written, but the scissors are used at times with advantage, and his views are forcefully expressed. In his conclusion he refers to the leading topics of the year, the use and abuse of the blackball, the negligence and ignorance of officers of Lodges, the treatment of non-affiliates, and physical per-

fection of candidates; with regard to the last, our Brother well says,—

“Personally the writer is not in favor of any relaxation of ancient rules which may tend to cheapen Masonry in the estimation of the world. The strict requirements of entrance, the prohibition of solicitation, and the unanimous ballot—all these have helped to make Masonry more highly regarded by the profane than are other societies and fraternities. That good men are maimed is an unfortunate fact, but the world is not so destitute of good men that these defectives should be given entrance into our Fraternity.”

Pennsylvania for 1902 receives three pages of review, but it seems as though our Brother did not note that the Washington celebration, which Brother MORCOMBE says was “then yet to be held,” was held, and that its main features were recorded.

In our Memorial Volume we printed our Brother’s letter of declination, dated October 16, 1902, because he did not content himself with a mere formal declination.

Brother PATTON’s “magnificent gift” is recorded; no less than four extracts from Grand Master TENNIS’s address are given, and this writer’s report is said to be “worthy of his Grand Lodge,” which is praise indeed.

Most Worshipful Brother CHARLES C. CLARK, of Burlington, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother NEWTON R. PARVIN, of Cedar Rapids, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

KANSAS—1903.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Kansas began its Forty-seventh Annual Communication in the Auditorium, in the City of Wichita,

on Wednesday, February 18, A.D. 1903, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother THOMAS E. DEWEY, Grand Master.

The Deputy Grand Master of Missouri, Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM F. KUHN, was an honored visitor.

The address of the Grand Master, which is very long, shows a high appreciation of his exalted station. He incorporates two digests, which were compiled at his request, showing the action taken by Grand Lodges upon the liquor question, and upon the matter of reimbursement for charity, generally known as the Wisconsin plan. Fourteen Grand Lodges (nine of which are in the original thirteen States, Pennsylvania being one) have enacted no legislation upon the former question, while but two have failed to take action on the latter.

The Grand Master announced that the proudest event of his administration had been to install the Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden, Brother ABRAM H. ELLIS; the saddest, to bury him. The death of Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother ARCHIBALD A. CARNAHAN was also announced.

In a very earnest passage on true charity, and the responsibility of Masons more than of other men in the matter of pure benevolence, Brother DEWEY says,—

“ President ROOSEVELT, in his address at Philadelphia last November, at the 150th anniversary of the initiation of GEORGE WASHINGTON into Masonry, implied as much in saying that ‘ when Bro. GEORGE WASHINGTON went into a lodge of the fraternity, he went into the one place in the United States where the idea of our government was realized as far as it is humanly possible for mankind to realize a lofty ideal;’ that the lesson of brotherhood is to be learned ‘ with a full heart on the one hand and without a weak head on the other.’ ”

Farther on in his address the Grand Master says,—

“In order that as many of the Craft as possible might become familiar with the address of our Brother, President ROOSEVELT, who was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason after he had been elected Vice-President of the United States, arrangement was made with the *Keystone* to send to every Master Mason in Kansas a copy of that issue of the paper giving an account of the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the making of Bro. GEORGE WASHINGTON a Mason. The address was remarkable, as are all the addresses of our esteemed Bro. ROOSEVELT. It was ordered to be read from the East of every lodge, that every craftsman might know of that unusual declaration: ‘When Bro. GEORGE WASHINGTON went into a lodge of the fraternity, he went into the one place in the United States where he stood below or above his fellows, according to their official position in the lodge. He went into the one place in the United States where the idea of our government was realized as far as it is humanly possibly for mankind to realize a lofty ideal.’ ”

The portrait of the retiring Grand Master forms the frontispiece; he was the recipient of a Past Grand Master’s jewel, given by some of his Masonic friends and neighbors. There are illustrations of proposed Grand Lodge jewels, the tops of the rods of the Grand Deacons and Grand Stewards, and the consecration vessels, which were approved and ordered to be made.

Portraits and biographical sketches are given of the following Past Grand Masters: Most Worshipful Brothers EDWIN D. HILLYER (1878–1879), JOSEPH D. McCLEVERTY (1879–1881), WILLIAM COWGILL (1881–1883), GEORGE S. GREEN (1883–1884), J. JAY BUCK (1884–1885), HENRY C. COOK (1887–1888), WATSON M. LAMB (1888–1889), and the late Grand Junior Warden, Brother ELLIS.

Number of Lodges, 364; initiated, 2017; total member-

ship, 23,567, a gain of 1179. Receipts, including balance, were \$43,349.98; disbursements, \$16,501.37; balance, \$26,848.61. Two hundred and sixty dollars were disbursed for charity, and there is a Charity Fund of \$5733.34.

A catalogue of the books in the Library and their contents is being made on the card system; and, as a sample of the thoroughness with which it is being done, it may be said that in indexing ninety volumes of the "Masonic Review," over sixteen thousand cards have been used.

In this way a vast store of information is made accessible and useful.

At the afternoon session of the first day, a Lodge of Sorrow was held, one feature being "an impressive thanatopsis" by the Grand Orator, Reverend Brother FRANCIS S. BLAYNEY, who the next day delivered a masterly oration on "The More Noble and Glorious Use."

On the morning of the second day, the children from the Masonic Home went through with their interesting exercises.

The expenses of the Orphans' Home, where forty-seven are cared for, were \$9307.28.

In a supplemental report, the Committee on Correspondence examined a protest which had been raised by the Supreme Council (Scottish Rite) of Central America against the action taken in recognizing the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica, and decided that there was no good reason to reverse the action of the Grand Lodge. Porto Rico, Argentine Republic, and Egypt were deferred, and "Ignacio Ramirez," in Mexico, was refused. We are glad to see that the great literary Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, London, England, was commended, and the Librarian's name was ordered to be added to the Correspondence Circle.

The report on Correspondence is by the Chairman of the Committee, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother WILLIAM M. SHAVER, his second. We repeat what we said last year: "It is one of the fullest and most complete of the

year.” While not in favor of too restrictive legislation with regard to non-affiliates, our Brother is in favor “of laws which limit the masonic rights of the voluntary affiliates;” “has no sympathy with the theory that the *universality* of Masonry takes *nationality* and *patriotism* out of a man and makes him a nondescript without a country;” and thinks that while the power of the Grand Master to make Masons at sight is undenied, it is one that “should never be exercised.” This is a sort of a *non-sequitur*.

Seven pages are given to a succinct review of our doings in 1901, and a number of extracts are made from the addresses of Grand Masters WAGNER and TENNIS, our Brother agreeing with the former in his course in the District of Columbia matter.

Under the District of Columbia, Brother SHAVER said,—

“While our view of the law differs from that of Pennsylvania, our sympathies are entirely with the latter in the foregoing controversy. In our opinion, based upon our Kansas law, with which we are in hearty accord, the petitioner ‘B’ was a ‘resident’ of Pennsylvania and a ‘sojourner’ merely in the District of Columbia, and could not be made a Mason in the District of Columbia without the consent of the Pennsylvania lodge. We think our Bro. STANDIFORD should add at least one other State to the five he names as claiming ‘personal jurisdiction,’ namely, Kansas. In Kansas, ‘political residence’ and ‘masonic residence’ for jurisdictional purposes are synonymous, and our constitutional provision is: ‘Every lodge has *exclusive original jurisdiction* over all candidates for the Mysteries of Masonry *residing* in its territory.’

“We apprehend that if a ‘resident’ of Kansas, ‘sojourning’ for political or business reasons in Washington, D. C., but who regularly came home to Kansas to exercise his right of suffrage, should attempt to obtain the masonic degrees in Washington without the consent of his Kansas home lodge,

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he would receive scant recognition as a 'regular Mason' in Kansas."

Our resolutions as to the Washington Sesqui-centennial are quoted.

Our report is kindly spoken of, though we do not see any reference to anything except our review of Kansas.

Most Worshipful Brother BESTOR G. BROWN, of Topeka, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother ALBERT K. WILSON, of Topeka, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

KENTUCKY—1903.

THE Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, began its One Hundred and Third Annual Communication in its new Temple, known as "The Masonic," in the City of Louisville, on Tuesday, October 20, A.D. 1903, and closed two days later.

Most Worshipful Brother JOHN W. LANDRUM, Grand Master.

Kentucky, like Delaware and Mississippi, would seem to have an archbishop for its Grand Chaplain. The annual address of the Grand Master, whose portrait forms the frontispiece, shows a wise and conservative administration. He had the sorrowful duty of making record of the death of Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother JAMES WILLIAM STATON, well termed "one of the brightest orbs of our Masonic constellation." The lamented Brother was the very able Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, whose work was known and approved of by all men. His death was the result of a stroke of paralysis sustained at a banquet following the exercises at the laying of the corner-stone of the new court-house at Paris. We mourn his departure.

The Grand Master paid a just tribute to the services of Grand Secretary GRANT.

The important feature of the Annual Communication was

the dedication of the new Temple, usually called "The Masonic," which was a most interesting occasion. The exercises, including the singing of the children from the Masonic Home, were of a very entertaining character. The Grand Lodge "Hall" is a theatre, and we are glad to see that the opening of the Hall on Sunday for any but religious services, in order to get more rent, was unanimously opposed. The whole cost was \$275,345.40, of which \$26,250 were paid for the lot. The amount unpaid is \$26,895, and economy is very properly to be the order of the day till the debt is paid. To this end, it is proposed to reduce the Committee on Correspondence to one, likewise the Committee on Necrology, as the mileage and per diem cost for the members who do no work is from \$50 to \$100.

It was also proposed that biennial sessions be held for the next ten years. These matters will come up next year.

Kentucky's great charities, the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home at Louisville and the Home for Aged and Infirm Brethren at Shelbyville, are doing noble work, and our Brethren have reason to be proud. The expenses of the latter were about \$4500, but no figures are given as to the expenses of the former.

Number of Lodges, 479, a gain of 4; initiated, 2345; total membership, 23,547, a gain of 1728. Receipts, including balance, were \$28,547.30; disbursements, \$11,227.01; balance, \$17,320.29.

An American flag and a Masonic flag have been presented, to be raised over the Temple as occasion requires; just what the Masonic flag consists of is not stated.

The Centennial History of the Grand Lodge is continued from 1854 to 1873.

Owing to the death of Past Grand Master STATON, there is no report on Correspondence.

Most Worshipful Brother OWEN D. THOMAS, of Lebanon, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother H. B. GRANT, of Louisville, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

LOUISIANA—1903.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Louisiana began its twentieth Annual Grand Communication in the City of New Orleans, at Masonic Temple, on Monday, February 2, A.D. 1903, and closed two days later.

Most Worshipful Brother ROBERT R. REID, Grand Master. The Sister Jurisdictions represented are recorded, but the names of the Representatives are not given, in accordance with the Louisiana custom.

The annual address of the Grand Master is a practical and business-like paper.

Number of Lodges again we do not find stated, about 145; initiated, 883; total membership, 6964, a gain of 560. Receipts, including balance, were \$39,625.03; disbursements, \$36,999.68; balance, \$2625.35.

A further reduction in the amount of Grand Lodge bonds, amounting to \$15,100, has been made, leaving only \$19,000 outstanding.

Louisiana Relief Lodge, No. 1, disbursed \$1270.50, there being no applicants from Pennsylvania. The Grand Secretary, Right Worshipful Brother RICHARD LAMBERT, who has served as its Secretary over thirty years, received a vote of thanks from the Grand Lodge for his services in that capacity.

The sympathy and love of the Grand Lodge for Past Grand Master TODD, who is still stricken by physical afflictions, were expressed by adopting by a rising vote a suitable preamble and resolutions.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by the Chairman, "R. W. and Rev. Dr. Herman C. Duncan" (he is at least twice styled "W. Grand Chaplain"), who gives another excellent report, in which he succeeds in carrying out successfully his plan of work, and at the end gives some remarks which are of general interest.

Our Brother has no doubt in his mind as to the proper attitude towards Belgium, and we agree; he thinks the power to make a Mason "on sight" is inherent in the Grand Master alone, and that he cannot delegate that power, in which we agree; but we do not agree with him, under Oregon, that "the Grand Lodge has the absolute and proper right to limit the exercise of this prerogative."

We likewise agree with him, under Illinois:

"A Grand Lodge whose legitimacy of origin cannot, or is not, proved, and that does not claim, and endeavor to maintain its sovereignty over the territory under its jurisdiction, we cannot recommend for recognition."

Our Brother, a good Churchman, believes that if ecclesiastical title is to be used in Masonic publications (and we believe it should be there used), the proper title should be given, and that no one should be given a title which would to the world at large indicate that he had attained a rank higher than that to which he rightly belongs. In other words, do not entitle any clerical Brother "Right Reverend" unless he is a bishop, or "Most Reverend" unless he is an archbishop.

Pennsylvania for 1901 is disposed of in less than a page. Three decisions of Grand Master WAGNER's are briefly discussed and approved. The fact that we wrote the report on Correspondence is mentioned, and Brother DUNCAN wishes to know about WASHINGTON's being entered before he was twenty-one, and says that we "do not tell him how this could be," and he "wishes to know whether 'lawful age' was then as now." Had our Brother, instead of writing the letter of regret, which we published in our Memorial Volume, accepted our invitation and attended our Washington celebration, we think he would have gotten the information he desired.

Most Worshipful Brother ROBERT R. REID, of Amite City, Grand Master, re-elected; Right Worshipful Brother RICHARD LAMBERT, of New Orleans, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

MAINE—1903.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Maine began its Eighty-fourth Annual Communication in the Masonic Hall, Portland, on Tuesday, May 5, A.D. 1903, and closed two days later.

Most Worshipful Brother ALFRED S. KIMBALL, Grand Master.

The annual address of the Grand Master is able and forceful. He made a retrospection, telling of the Brethren who in 1819 met to take action looking to the organization of a Grand Lodge after Statehood should be assured. He spoke of the deaths of Past Grand Masters DRUMMOND and BURNHAM and of Past Senior Grand Wardens CHADBOURNE and SIMONTON. In telling of the funeral of Brother DRUMMOND, he mentions the presence of three from this Jurisdiction,—Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden Brother GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., and Brothers FRANK M. HIGHLEY and JAMES H. CODDING.

Special Committees submitted fitting tributes to the memories of the departed.

The day of Judge DRUMMOND's funeral, the Past Grand Masters formed themselves into a committee to raise a fund by voluntary contributions for the purpose of placing a monument over his grave; and so successful were their efforts, under the direction of Grand Treasurer KING, that the monument was dedicated the afternoon of the second day with very beautiful ceremonies, and most appropriate and loving addresses. We are glad to have a picture of the monument.

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It is a perfect ashlar, raised upon three steps, having on one of its sides a bronze portrait of Past Grand Master DRUMMOND. When we heard that the idea was to have many small contributions, thus allowing many Brethren to show their regard for the departed, we wrote to a Brother who was posted in the matter, only to find that we were too late, the sum needed having been raised. Had we known in time of the proposition to purchase our Brother's Masonic library, and keep it as a memorial of him, we should have contributed with pleasure.

The Brethren having contributed more than enough to erect a memorial to Brother DRUMMOND, Grand Lodge authorized its Grand Treasurer to supply what sum was still needed to procure the library of our Brother, to be kept in the library of Grand Lodge as the "Drummond Memorial Library."

Number of Lodges, 199; initiated, 1220; total membership, 23,940, a gain of 716. Receipts, including balance, were \$15,889.57; disbursements, \$5924.67; balance, \$9964.90. Receipts of the Charity Fund were \$2844.35. Disbursed to beneficiaries, \$1327. Amount of Charity Fund, \$35,725.62.

Recognition of Costa Rica and Argentine Republic was deferred.

The recommendation of the Committee on the Condition of the Fraternity, that every Lodge should have its property properly insured, was adopted. We hope it will be enforced.

The report on Correspondence is by Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother ALDRO E. CHASE, the sole survivor of the Committee, both Past Grand Masters DRUMMOND and BURNHAM having died since the last Annual Communication. We congratulate our Brother and his Grand Lodge upon his successful work. He is observant, careful, and courteous. His report will be read with interest by his Brethren.

Next year we are going to look and see if the Chairman of the Iowa Committee on Correspondence will repeat to

Brother CHASE a question which that Brother asks in the second sentence of his review of Iowa. We are reminded of the old saw about dwellers in glass houses and stones.

We find ourself in accord with Brother CHASE very often; we quote an instance:

“We believe that the offering of prizes to a lodge for the best work done by a *team* of its own members, is not in accord with the purpose of Masonry, either in principle or practice.

“And what is a ‘team’ in Masonry?”

Four and a half pages are given to a review of Pennsylvania for 1902. In his review of Massachusetts he had already quoted a good part of what Grand Master GALLAGHER had told his Brethren about our Washington celebration. Grand Master TENNIS’s annual address is fully summarized and commented upon favorably, with one exception,—namely, the decision as to “one born out of wedlock,” which our Brother considers “hard and unjust.” How shall the Ancient Charges be altered?

A page is given to our report and a number of extracts made therefrom. In order to do our best to accede to our Brother’s wish, we gladly give the following:

“We gladly write his disclaimer to the sending of a marked copy of the Keystone of which Bro. Drummond wrote in his review of Pennsylvania last year (1901) in the discussion of the question whether or not Franklin was a mason [*sic*], but we wish that Bro. Lamberton, after quoting in this review of Maine the paper (in its entirety,) printed in the Keystone, had added the final paragraph of Bro. Drummond’s review, viz.: ‘If, therefore, Franklin was alive December 27, 1785, we are on record as holding that he was recognized during his life, as a mason, by the Grand Lodge.’”

Most Worshipful Brother WILLIAM J. BURNHAM, of Lewiston, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother STEPHEN BERRY, of Portland, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

MANITOBA—1903.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, began its Twenty-eighth Annual Communication in the Masonic Temple, at the City of Winnipeg, on Wednesday, June 10, A.D. 1903, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother R. HILL MYERS, Grand Master.

The annual address of the Grand Master to the representatives of "the largest Masonic jurisdiction on the globe," is very brief and to the point. We are pleased to see that he declined to grant a number of dispensations asked for, "to wear regalia at dances and entertainments."

Number of Lodges not stated, about 56; initiated, 347; total membership, 3811, a gain of 325. Receipts, including balance, were \$6316.38; disbursements, \$3638.02; balance, \$2678.36.

The Memorial Volume of our Washington celebration is mentioned in the report of the Librarian.

Not only has the committee having the matter in charge erected a granite monument to the memory of the late Most Worshipful Brother Very Reverend JAMES DALLAS O'MEARA, but they also procured an oil painting of that much loved Brother for the Masonic Temple at Winnipeg. A handsome chain collar was presented, as previously ordered, to the last Grand Master, Brother THORNTON, and a suitable testimonial was ordered for the retiring Grand Master.

Five hundred dollars were voted to the Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund. At the evening session of the second day, Past Grand Master THORNTON delivered his address on "The Legend and Symbolism of the Third Degree."

MARYLAND.

No report on Correspondence.

Most Worshipful Brother Dr. E. A. BRAITHWAITE, of Edmonton, District of Alberta, Grand Master; Most Worshipful Brother JAMES A. OVAS, of Winnipeg, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

MARYLAND—1902.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Maryland held its Two Hundred and Thirty-first Stated (the Semi-annual) Communication in the Masonic Temple, Baltimore, on Tuesday, May 13, A.D. 1902.

Most Worshipful Brother THOMAS J. SHRYOCK, Grand Master.

Pleasure and gratification were manifested at the presence of the Grand Master, who had been abroad; a grand reception had been contemplated, but was abandoned on account of the death of his brother, the late Past Grand Treasurer. The Grand Master, at the close of the business of the Grand Lodge, entertained the Brethren with a most interesting description of his three months' tour in the Holy Land and Europe.

A resolution was adopted constituting as honorary members of Grand Lodge "Past Masters of the Grand Lodge of Egypt, whose most kindly and fraternal reception and hospitable entertainment of our Grand Master in the Mother of Nations and of Masonry has endeared them to us all."

The Deputy Grand Master reported the death of Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden Brother LEWIS R. KREITZER, and of Right Worshipful Past Grand Treasurer Brother WILLIAM H. SHRYOCK. Special Communications were held at the time of the funerals of these Brethren; excellent portraits of them are given.

Number of Lodges, about 105; initiated, 665; total membership, 9122, a gain of 844. Receipts, including balance,

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were \$42,380.27; disbursements, \$41,873.41; balance, \$506.86. The Lodge of Relief expended a little over \$1100.

The One Hundred and Sixteenth Annual Communication was held on Tuesday, November 18, 1902.

The Grand Master's address is short and to the point. He reported the death of Right Worshipful Past Deputy Grand Master Brother GEORGE L. McCAHAN, of whom a fine portrait is given.

Grand Master SHRYOCK said,—

“ Together with the Grand Officers, by special invitation on November 5th, we officially visited the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and participated in the ceremonies incident to the celebration of the one hundred and fiftieth Anniversary of the initiation of Bro. Geo. Washington into the Fraternity. I have no doubt that this celebration will go down into history as one of the most important Masonic celebrations ever held in our country. There were present, Grand Masters or their representatives, of twenty-six of the Grand Lodges of the United States, and the occasion was graced by the presence of Brother Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, who delivered a most instructive and important address. I, personally, had the honor of responding to a toast at the banquet, which was a sumptuous and joyous feast.”

In the report of the Committee on the Grand Master's address it is said,—

“ The distinction awarded our Grand Lodge of being conspicuously represented at the historic gathering in Philadelphia on the occasion of the 150th commemoration of the initiation of Brother George Washington into the mysteries of our Order, in which the President of the United States took so prominent and important a part is exceedingly gratifying and is another indication of the high esteem in which this

Grand Lodge is held among the leading Masonic bodies of the United States. Our acknowledgments are due to our Grand Master for the signal ability with which he represented us on that inspiring occasion, which cannot but conduce to the honor and influence of this Grand body among the Masonic fraternity of the nation."

The Grand Master was requested to furnish his remarks at our banquet. They are not given, but will be found at page 255 of our Memorial Volume, which had not been issued when the Maryland Proceedings went to press.

The absence of Brother E. T. SCHULTZ was explained as due, not to his indisposition, but to the fact that he was then celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of his marriage. The Grand Master had sent, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, a silver bowl to the good Brother and his wife, who duly acknowledged this mark of esteem and regard. The Grand Lodge sent its congratulations and best wishes.

In connection with the nominations, the Deputy Grand Secretary records, in parentheses,—

"When the nominations for Grand Secretary were called for, the Grand Lodge rose *en masse* and named Bro. Jacob H. Medairy for the fortieth time."

There is a record!

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by the Chairman, Brother EDWARD T. SCHULTZ, who gives one of his usual excellent reports, a report, be it recalled, prepared by one who is no longer able to see the light of day.

Under California, our Brother well makes the point that one, who has received the first degree and afterwards has through accident ceased to be sound in all his limbs and members, may have the second and third degrees *communicated* to him, but it is impossible to *confer* degrees upon one physi-

cally unable to comply literally with the requirements of said degrees.

Brother SCHULTZ, very properly, does not like having the "Shrine" called Masonic, as so many of the profane seem to think it is; and notes that a Brother becoming a non-affiliate loses none of his *rights* in the *Fraternity*, but simply forfeits his *Lodge* rights and privileges; and does not think that a Grand Lodge can prevent a Lodge from allowing such a one to visit or to take part in a Masonic ceremony. We do not agree entirely.

Under Texas, we are told,—

"There are not more than three or four American Grand Lodges who perform public Masonic ceremonies when the Craft is at refreshment. All others, except Pennsylvania, which is a law unto herself in this particular, perform ceremonies in public when the Lodge or Grand Lodge is opened on the first or third degree of Masonry."

Pennsylvania for 1901 comes under review. Grand Master WAGNER's address is quite fully summarized, and several extracts are made from Grand Master TENNIS's inaugural. Our report is very briefly referred to, our Brother appreciating some personal words of ours. While Brother SCHULTZ quotes our hope that Grand Secretary MEDAIRY would "give somewhere a statement of the number of the Lodges and combine the two semi-annual abstracts of returns," we do not have our hope realized; we had to do our own figuring.

Most Worshipful Brother THOMAS J. SHRYOCK, of Baltimore, Grand Master, re-elected; Right Worshipful Brother JACOB H. MEDAIRY, of Baltimore, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

MASSACHUSETTS—1903.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in union with the Most Ancient and Honorable Grand Lodges in Europe and America, according to the Old Constitutions, held a Quarterly Communication at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Wednesday, June 11, A.D. 1903.

Most Worshipful Brother CHARLES T. GALLAGHER, Grand Master.

Costa Rica was recognized. A memorial of the late Right Worshipful Brother GEORGE W. TABER, prepared by Brother GEORGE D. HAMMOND, was adopted. At the September Quarterly, the 10th day, an interesting report was made concerning a spurious Lodge called "Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 1," which claimed to hold a dispensation from the spurious Grand Lodge of Ohio. Two persons who had been concerned with the affair were unanimously expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

At the December Quarterly, the 10th day, the Grand Master delivered his annual address, paying a loving tribute to Brother SERENO D. NICKERSON, the veteran Recording Grand Secretary (whom we had the pleasure of seeing again when in Boston in the summer), and justly scoring the recent attempt to set up spurious Masonry in Massachusetts. Our Brethren will be interested in his account of his visit to our Grand Lodge:

"November 5, by invitation of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, I attended the one hundred and fiftieth Anniversary of the initiation of George Washington as a Mason, which occurred in Virginia, Nov. 4, 1752, but was celebrated at Philadelphia on this fifth day of November, 1902. On arriving at their Masonic Temple, on the evening of Nov. 4, 1902, I was most cordially received by the Grand Officers, and, after partaking of refreshments, a committee in charge

of the Temple, with their Superintendent, entertained me with a visit to the various parts of their commodious building. On Wednesday it was my pleasure with others to escort the Grand Officers, with the President of the United States, to the Grand Lodge-room, where in the presence of nearly seven hundred Brethren (each Lodge in Pennsylvania being entitled to but one representative), most interesting exercises took place. R. W. Grand Master Tennis welcomed the Brethren, to which it was my especial privilege to reply in behalf of the Grand Lodges represented; closing my address by exhibiting our lock of hair of George Washington in its golden urn prepared and inscribed by Paul Revere, a most fitting and appropriate occasion for its exhibition. Then followed a most interesting practical and forceful address by the President of the United States, Bro. Theodore Roosevelt, of Matinecock Lodge, No. 806, of Oyster Bay, New York, on the duties of the Freemason and the application of the principles of our Order to every day and public life. An elaborate historical address, on Washington as a Freemason, was delivered by W. Bro. James M. Lamberton, of Perseverance Lodge, No. 21, Harrisburg, Pa. An eloquent presentation of Washington as a citizen by W. Bro. Stewart L. Woodford, of Continental Lodge, No. 287, of New York, Minister to Spain at the time of the Spanish war, concluded the literary exercises. Immediately following, however, short greetings were presented by every Grand Lodge represented, in response to a call of the States by the Grand Master. Your Grand Master responded for you as a Grand Lodge as follows:

“ ‘What more can be said of Massachusetts than has already been expressed? She is counted among the galaxy of Sister Lodges for whom I have already responded, but if a special greeting is needed I give you, on the moment, this sentiment: Pennsylvania and Massachusetts,—Philadelphia and Boston,—Wm. Penn and Cotton Mather,—the Quaker and the Puritan,—the austerity and asperity of their reli-

gious zeal softened and liberalized with time, have produced descendants who meet as Masons in this presence and around a common board, with "Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love." "

"Following the Grand Lodge exercises a banquet was served to seven hundred Brethren in two banquet halls, and at its conclusion, all the Brethren being in one room, and waiters and all but Entered Apprentices being excluded, a table Lodge was opened, in ritualistic form similar to that used at Kilwinning Lodge, on St. Andrew's eve; in appropriate manner each toast was duly honored and the response made. It was nearly midnight when 'the last loiterer retired from the banquet,' and each one present must have felt that the dozen or more hours thus continuously spent were all too short for the joys of the occasion. Incidentally a most elaborate loan collection of Washingtoniana was on exhibition in the library, while in the Grand Lodge-room were displayed the Bible on which George Washington was obligated at Fredericksburg, Va., the Bible on which he took the oath of office as President of the United States, from St. John's Lodge, New York, the silk apron made for him by Madame Lafayette, by-laws, gavels, and numerous other rare objects used by, or associated with, the great patriot. The details of the whole celebration were carried out to the perfection of accuracy, and the generous hospitality of the Pennsylvania Brethren was everywhere remarked. The addresses in the Grand Lodge and at the banquet were of a most eloquent character and the whole proceeding was conducted with a high regard for the importance of the occasion. A full account of the proceedings will be published and a copy will be placed in our Library."

Number of Lodges, including three in Chile and one in China, 235, a loss of one; initiated, 2392; total membership, 43,415, a gain of 1320. Receipts, including balance, were \$90,427.67; disbursements, \$89,360.86; balance, \$1066.81.

The Masonic Education and Charity Trust amounts to \$145,876.68, while seven other Charity Funds, bearing individual names, amount to \$76,245.28.

Brother NICKERSON, we are pleased to see, prints for the pleasure of the Massachusetts Brethren the eloquent and scholarly address which Grand Master GALLAGHER delivered at our Washington Sesqui-centennial celebration, replying on behalf of the visiting Grand Officers to Grand Master TENNIS's address of welcome. We shall later refer to an erroneous statement made by our Brother GALLAGHER.

The Stated Communication for the purpose of installing the Grand Officers and celebrating the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, was held on December 30, 1902.

In installing his successor, Brother GALLAGHER delivered a most interesting and impressive address, and at the "Grand Feast," which was celebrated with wit, wisdom, and good-fellowship, as of yore, in responding to the toast of his health, said, in part,—

"Brethren, the toast to George Washington recalls to my mind a scene somewhat similar to this which it was my good fortune, in my official position, to enjoy a few weeks ago in Philadelphia. It was the one hundred and fiftieth Anniversary, as you know, of the initiation of George Washington as a Mason. I was present by invitation of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which had invited the Grand Lodges of all the United States to be present; limiting their own Brethren to sending one representative only from each of their Lodges. With this limitation, however, their Grand Lodge-room was completely filled with six hundred and seventy or more Brethren, while at the banquet following about seven hundred occupied seats, each place being specially marked for the individual. It was indeed for twelve hours as fine a representation of good work, of fine rhetoric and oratory and Masonic feeling as I ever have witnessed. It was the fortune of your Grand Master to respond for all the Grand

Lodges to their Grand Master's welcome, and it was also his good fortune to speak immediately *before* the President of the United States, and not after him.

"Time will not permit me to refer appropriately to the excellence of the addresses; the noble, manly, earnest words of the President, Brother Roosevelt; the comprehensive historical analysis of Washington's Masonic life by Worshipful Brother Lamberton; the clear-ringing eloquence of Worshipful Brother Woodford; the cordial, generous, and finely presented greeting of Grand Master Tennis. All these, with the dozen or more rhetorical and oratorical presentations and responses at the banquet, were of the highest order and set on a plane that has rarely been excelled in any public function of which I have known.

"The inspiration of the whole gathering was something grand! At the banquet everything was most perfect in every detail. Why! even the confectionery on the table in front of me was marked, every piece, '150;' over my head when the orchestra played, 'Listen to the Mocking-bird,' dozens of canary birds were automatically freed, to fly singing over the room; the table ware, the decorations, electric light effects in various colors, the flowers, ribbons, streamers, everything that could delight the eye, were artistic in taste and of the highest order and quality. The exercises were conducted with a promptness as to detail that was remarkable in such a gathering. At exactly twelve o'clock the President of the United States was received in the Grand Lodge with every Brother of the seven hundred in his place. Precisely at four o'clock the banquet opened and the Grand Master began to open a Table Lodge with the formula: 'Right Worshipful Brother Senior Grand Warden, are you satisfied that all present are Entered Apprentices?' And then again at the South, 'Are you satisfied that all present are Entered Apprentices?' And then, 'Brethren, are you satisfied one with another that all present are Entered Apprentices?' There were three or four colored waiters trying to get out of the

door, and the Brethren answered, 'No, we are not.' After the retiring of the waiters the Grand Master proceeded with the opening of a Table Lodge, a proceeding which I had not witnessed before. The firing was taken from the East and carried to the West and to the South; the wine was 'flowing in the East' and was 'home in the South,' and so forth,—a regular formula and ritual. Addresses were made after introductions from the East, or the South, or the West, all in accordance with a ritual or formula. The custom does not prevail here, but Kilwinning Lodge, in Lowell, celebrates a Table Lodge on St. Andrew's Eve in something the same style, a pleasure which I enjoyed witnessing in November last. The ritual at Lowell was original with Grand Master Gardner.

"The whole proceeding at Philadelphia was calculated to produce a most amicable and friendly feeling among the Masons of the country, in thus being brought together under such favorable conditions to take part in so notable an anniversary. This was evidenced in the responses of the various Grand Masters, as each State was called in the Grand Lodge-room, after the exercises there, each expressing his greeting and all being received with generous appreciation. As a sample Western greeting, the Grand Master of Idaho responded: 'I bring you the greetings of Idaho, that State which sixteen years ago when I went there had three hundred Masons and now has three thousand four hundred. Out there a Mason lays down his pick and shovel only for the purpose of attending a Masonic Lodge.' Others, dignified, classical and humorous, followed, but all breathing the spirit of brotherly feeling and appreciation, from Canada to Costa Rica and from the Eastern coast to the Sunset Sea."

A picture is given of the Jeremy Gridley house at Brookline, together with an account of the house and of that worthy Brother, but the picture we are most interested in is an excellent steel-engraving of Grand Master GALLAGHER. Full

accounts of the proceedings at no less than eleven Special Communications for celebrating centennial anniversaries, laying corner-stones, and dedicating Masonic Halls, are given, and in most cases the addresses are printed, thus preserving much that is of the greatest interest.

At the March Quarterly, the 11th day, \$5000 were appropriated for the Committee on Charity.

At the June Quarterly, the 10th day, after some minor business had been disposed of, under the heading, "A Study of the Old Records," the minutes state:

"The M. W. Grand Master informed Grand Lodge that he had recently been greatly interested in examining the volumes in our archives containing the record of the beginning of Masonry on this continent. Much of the history embraced in these volumes was new to him and would probably be interesting to the Brethren present. He had, therefore, requested the Recording Grand Secretary to give at this time a description of those volumes and a brief account of some of the principal items of our early Masonic history therein set forth."

In this rather *naïve* manner, an opportunity was made for Brother NICKERSON to sound once again the claims of Boston to be the Mother City of Freemasonry in America, and "to protect the honor" of their first Provincial Grand Master, "the founder of Freemasonry in North America" (the last seven words being printed in large capitals), which he proceeded to do in his own peculiar manner in twenty-five rambling pages. After his most disingenuous and unfair address, delivered in June of 1899, when he presented "whatever he knew about the matter," "for permanent and final record," we supposed our Brother had exhausted himself and his subject.

In view of the undeniable fact that there was in Pennsylvania at least one Masonic Lodge (and its regularity was rec-

ognized by the Grand Lodge of England), before there were any in Massachusetts or elsewhere in America, it cannot successfully be controverted that Pennsylvania is the oldest Jurisdiction on the Western Hemisphere.

To the support of his contention, Brother NICKERSON summons the records of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and Brothers GEORGE M. DALLAS, the MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE, JAMES KING, and ROBERT A. LAMBERTON, all, with the exception of Brother LAFAYETTE, having based their conclusions upon the so-called "records" of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, which, as we had occasion to state in our report for 1900, were supposed, up to 1874, to be authentic and true; but since then their numerous errors have been pointed out, and their authority as genuine "records" shaken. Indeed, a well-known Masonic writer, not a Pennsylvanian, has said of them that their "untrustworthiness in historical questions is apparent to all."

According to Brother NICKERSON, in order to make a false statement true, it is only necessary to repeat it frequently enough.

Brother LAFAYETTE's testimony consists of his expressing his pleasure at being made, in 1824, an honorary member of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, "a body of which Franklin was the father and Washington the associate." Surely this is weighty testimony!

Another weighty (?) piece of evidence from our *Pennsylvania* "records" is a letter written in 1824 by the then Recording Grand Secretary of *Massachusetts*, containing the statement that his Grand Lodge was the first established in the United States.

It may well be stated here, as it is a fact, that Brother NICKERSON quotes from the address of Past Grand Master LAMBERTON as it was printed immediately after the dedication, in 1873, and not as it appears in its revised and final form in the "Masonic Temple Dedication Memorial."

In our report for 1899, at page lxxxv, etc., and in that for

1900, at pages cli, etc., we had occasion to refer to the more important matters that Brother NICKERSON dwells upon, and we do not propose to take up space to reply to more than two or three.

Brother NICKERSON would have his Massachusetts Brethren believe that since 1723 it was customary to issue to Lodges "warrants," as that word is understood now, while as a matter of fact during its first forty years (1717-1757) the Grand Lodge of England did not issue a single such paper, the first warrant in the modern sense being issued by the Grand Lodge of Ireland in February 1, 1731.

The word "warrant" in the General Regulations of 1721, which Brother NICKERSON quotes from the Constitutions of 1723, is used in its etymological sense of permission or authorization, and not in its secondary sense of a permanent document embodying that authorization. On this subject it would be well for the Massachusetts Brethren to consult "*Cæmentaria Hibernica*," by the eminent Irish Masonic scholar, Brother W. J. CHETWODE CRAWLEY, LL.D.

In spite of the judgment of the foremost living Masonic historian, Brother ROBERT FREKE GOULD, of England, that the idea that the *authority of Henry Price, originally granted for New England in 1733, had been extended in 1734 over all North America*, was an *hallucination* of that Brother, Grand Secretary NICKERSON relies upon his untrustworthy "records," so-called, reasserts the facts alleged, and is most severe upon our late Past Grand Master MACCALLA because, in a London Lodge, that distinguished Brother had the hardihood to agree with Brother GOULD, and made the statement that PRICE's authority had not been extended over North America.

Since the so-called "records" are so reliable, why does not our Brother claim that the authority in the first instance was for *North America*, as a letter, in the so-called "records," written by HENRY PRICE and dated at "Boston in New England," August 6, 1755, which is printed at page 403 of

“Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts—1733–1799,” distinctly states? Our Brother knows better.

Brother NICKERSON might also here state that Brother SACHSE forced him to admit that in the so-called “records” of 1734 (written twenty years later) the name of *Franklin* is *written over an erasure*.

In reply to our Brother’s statement, referring to St. John’s Lodge at Philadelphia and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, that “In point of fact, there was only one Body, a so-called Lodge,” we are going to ask our Brethren to turn to pages clxvii–clxix of our report for 1900, where we believe any unprejudiced person will be convinced that we have proved to a demonstration that these were two separate bodies.

Our dear Brother Past Grand Master GALLAGHER promptly came to the front, and suggested that Brother NICKERSON’S “comprehensive and interesting historical [?] statements” should be reduced to writing and printed. He further stated—

“that while it was his pleasure to be received with a royal and fraternal welcome at the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the initiation of George Washington as a Mason, at Philadelphia, in November last, the cordiality of the greeting and the hospitable entertainment were marred, in a measure, for him by the reference of the Grand Master of Pennsylvania, in his opening address at the banquet, which has since appeared in print, to the claim of Pennsylvania to precedence of charters; but without an opportunity to the Grand Master of Massachusetts to reply, as all the toasts had been printed and provided for beforehand.”

The reference made by Grand Master TENNIS in his reply to the toast of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which we now learn marred, “in a measure,” the cordiality of Brother GALLAGHER’S greeting, was as follows:

“ We (*i.e.*, those present) also agree that the toast just proposed names the oldest and most conservative Masonic Grand Body on the Western Hemisphere, and one whose records show cordial and fraternal relations with the greatest statesman, soldier, and Mason this continent has ever produced.”

Neither Brother NICKERSON nor Brother GALLAGHER himself can successfully controvert the statement that Pennsylvania is the oldest Jurisdiction; but, for the latter Brother, the question of “ priority of charters ” is decided by a Grand Master of the District of Columbia, whose name he does not even mention; and much comfort seems to be derived from the fact that this writer, in an address of which the subject was “ Washington as a Freemason,” *not* “ Pennsylvania an Older Jurisdiction than Massachusetts,” did *not* refer to the “ Henry Bell letter,” or any claim of precedence on the part of Pennsylvania over Massachusetts; nor did Grand Master TENNIS refer to the letter or adduce any evidence.

Since Brother GALLAGHER, while remarking that it would have been unkind to hold the presiding officer or toast master responsible for statements made “ between the walnuts and the wine,” thought that, as the words have since appeared in print, it was proper for him to refer to them, we may be excused for referring to a matter which marred, “ in a measure,” our pleasure in the otherwise admirable reply to the address of welcome made by Brother GALLAGHER in the *morning*, when there were neither “ walnuts ” nor “ wine ” at hand.

Our Brother, after saying that the vexed question of difference between us as to priority of charters was one which a guest should not with propriety discuss, continued :

“ The charter granted to Henry Price as Provincial Grand Master in 1733, which resulted in establishing the St. John’s Lodge in Boston, gave jurisdiction over all North America to establish Lodges.”

(See page 101 of our Washington Sesqui-centennial Memorial Volume, and page 215 of the Proceedings of Massachusetts for 1903. We notice in the manuscript sent for the Memorial Volume by Brother GALLAGHER he used the words “*charter* granted to Henry Price,” but in the Massachusetts Proceedings Brother NICKERSON, or some one, has changed this to “the *deputation* granted to Henry Price,” but neither Brother NICKERSON nor Brother GALLAGHER nor any one else has corrected the erroneous statement.)

Our Brother ought to have known that he was not accurate in his statement, for at page 1 of the boasted “records,” as printed in the volume mentioned above, it will be seen that in what purports to be a copy of the “Commission” granted to PRICE in 1733 (and it is fair to say that PRICE never produced the original commission, only a copy), that Brother was “Nominated, Ordained, Constituted and appointed” “Provincial Grand Master of *New England* aforesaid, and Dominions and Territories thereunto belonging” (italics ours).

The reported extension in 1734 over all North America, Brother GOULD, as we have already stated, regards as “*an hallucination*” of Brother PRICE’s.

No report on Correspondence.

Most Worshipful Brother BAALIS SANFORD, of Brockton, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother SERENO D. NICKERSON, of Boston, Recording Grand Secretary, re-elected.

MICHIGAN—1903.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Michigan began its Fifty-ninth Annual Communication in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Detroit, on Tuesday, January 27, A.D. 1903, and closed the following day.

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Most Worshipful Brother NEAL McMILLAN, Grand Master.

An address of welcome was given by the Controller of the city as the representative of the Mayor, but whether he is a member of the Craft does not appear.

The address of the Grand Master will interest his Brethren. Our Brother has ruled well. He referred to the bereavement that had come upon Grand Secretary CONOVER, and, as an expression of their sympathy with that dear Brother in the loss of his wife, "the entire Grand Lodge rose to its feet, the members standing for a moment with bowed heads and in perfect silence."

Our Brother and his loving wife were not separated long; he soon followed her into the Great Beyond.

Number of Lodges, 391, a gain of 2; raised, 3049; total membership, 47,638, a gain of 2343. Receipts, including balance, were \$39,844.47; disbursements, \$14,298.12; balance, \$19,051.67.

Telegrams of greeting and regret were sent to Past Grand Masters METCALF and PHILLIPS. Greetings were exchanged with Tennessee.

The receipts of the Masonic Home, which cares for forty-nine beneficiaries, were \$9832.12; the expenditures, \$8598.-28. The average weekly per capita cost of maintenance was \$3.23, being thirty-six cents more than the previous year.

Western Australia was recognized, and the Valle de Mexico was postponed. It was not deemed advisable to join in building the proposed "Temple of Fraternity" at St. Louis. A Past Grand Master's jewel was presented to the retiring Grand Master, whose portrait forms the frontispiece.

The Correspondence Report, or "A Review of the Grand Lodges," is once more given for the benefit of the Michigan Brethren and others, but Right Worshipful Grand Secretary Brother JEFFERSON S. CONOVER was limited in his work by the directions of Grand Lodge; and he brought out once

again his "condenser," which does excellent work at times, while at times the scissors clip interesting matters. After eight pages "As Others see Us," the individual Grand Lodges are reviewed, usually briefly.

Pennsylvania for 1901 is reviewed. Grand Master TENNIS's inaugural was "a timely and appropriate address." A paragraph is given to our report.

Most Worshipful Brother ROSCOE W. BROUGHTON, of Paw Paw, Grand Master.

MINNESOTA—1903.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Minnesota began its Fiftieth Annual Communication (Golden Jubilee) in the Masonic Hall, in the City of St. Paul, on Tuesday, February 24, A.D. 1903, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother AMBROSE D. COUNTRYMAN, Grand Master.

In honor of the Golden Jubilee, the hall was very handsomely decorated, shields bearing the names of the Past Grand Masters being arranged around the front of the gallery, while on the sides of the arch in the East appeared the names of the founders of the Grand Lodge.

The address of the Grand Master is excellent and shows faithful effort, crowned with success, to fulfil the duties of his high station. While favoring the establishment of a Masonic Home in the near future, he was opposed to beginning a building until a sufficient fund is in hand, and a moderate endowment. He refused to approve a by-law allowing life-members, free from the payment of dues, to be elected, regarding it as "pernicious in principle, and as creating a favored class."

Number of Lodges, including 11 under dispensation, 239, a gain of 11; initiated, 1435; total membership, 18,542, a

gain of 1007. Receipts, including balance, were \$21,926.60; disbursements, \$8545.15; balance, \$13,381.45.

Brother WELLINGTON C. MASTERMAN, Grand Orator, delivered the oration, which was well received, and is printed in full.

It seems that the new Grand Master was "actually born in a Masonic Lodge room," the explanation given by his father being as follows:

"In 1856 I built in Monticello, in this state, a store and warehouse attached. The rooms over the store were our residence, and the room over the warehouse was furnished and occupied by the brethren of Monticello Lodge. Just prior to the confinement of my wife the brethren urged that I consult my wife and obtain her consent to occupy the lodge room, which had just been carpeted, and would not be used during the warm weather. Wife, on account of the retirement and quietude, approved the plan and accepted the offer.

"On the 15th day of September, 1861, the boy drew the first breath of life, and beheld the first light of day in the room of Monticello lodge, No. 16, A. F. & A. M.

"I might add that the boy in due time was initiated, passed and raised in the same above mentioned lodge."

The evening of the first day was given up to a public celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of the Grand Lodge, which was most successful, Brother GEORGE R. METCALF and Most Worshipful Brother GEORGE H. DAVIS, "the silver-tongued orator of the Grand Lodge," delivering the principal addresses after Grand Master COUNTRYMAN had welcomed those who crowded the spacious hall. The address of Brother METCALF, whose care and forethought made the celebration the great success it was, was a complete account of the organization of the Grand Lodge (a mere epitome being read at the celebration), supplemented with

sketches of all the Grand Masters, whose portraits are given, there being two of Grand Master COUNTRYMAN, and a portrait of the surviving founder, Brother D. W. C. DUNWELL, together with a flash-light picture taken at the celebration. A very interesting picture is that showing all the elected and appointed officers of the Grand Lodge.

A medal in bronze (the Grand Master's being in silver) was struck to commemorate the occasion: on the obverse was "The Seal of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota;" on the reverse, "1853—Commemorating the Semi-Centennial Anniversary—1903."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is, as usual, by Brother IRVING TODD, the Chairman, who writes a full summary of what the Proceedings disclose, the scissors being used almost exclusively to give what is said about Minnesota in the various reviews.

We have before noted the infrequency with which our Brother gives his own views. This time we only noticed that two or three times he gave his opinion, and in one of these we do not coincide,—namely, under New Hampshire, where he disagrees with Brother WAIT that an application or petition must be declared rejected upon an unfavorable report by the committee of inquiry.

Pennsylvania for 1901 is briefly summed up. Several extracts are given from our report, and one, stating that the change requiring business generally to be transacted and elections to be held in the Master Mason's Lodge, was made in 1843, is regarded as "a candid admission that masonry is not exactly at a stand still, even in Pennsylvania."

The proceedings of the Masonic Veteran Association are given at the end of the volume.

Most Worshipful Brother HENRY R. ADAMS, of Minneapolis, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother THOMAS MONTGOMERY, of St. Paul, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

MISSISSIPPI—1903.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Mississippi, Free and Accepted Masons, began its Eighty-fifth Annual Communication in the City of Beloxi, on Thursday, February 19, A.D. 1903, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother HARRY T. HOWARD, Grand Master.

We see that Past Grand Master HARRISON is still recorded as the Grand Representative of our Grand Lodge, notwithstanding the fact that his commission was withdrawn ten years ago.

In Mississippi, the Grand Chaplain is elected, and, apparently, thereby becomes an archbishop, being addressed as Most Reverend, as is the case in Delaware and Kentucky.

The address of the Grand Master is a rather brief record of his official acts, he having been absent from the Jurisdiction for some time. He warns against drunkenness and says, "And in this connection, I would warn our brethren who are Shriners that the reputation of our Institution has suffered at their hands."

Later in the day, a Brother who is described as the "Imperial Potentate of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine," was introduced by a Past Grand Master and welcomed by the Grand Master and invited to a seat in the East. We should like to know on what theory of *Masonry* such attentions were paid to a Brother bearing any such high-sounding title in a *Masonic* Grand Lodge. The Brother himself stated that "the Shrine makes no claim to be a *Masonic* body, although the world at large looks upon it as such, even after they have been told better."

Grand Lodge adopted resolutions approving the Grand Master's sentiment.

Past Grand Master BARKLEY was absent through illness, and sympathy was expressed with that dear Brother, and

it was ordered that prayer be offered by the Grand Lodge to the GRAND MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE, for his restoration to health; whereupon Past Grand Master MILLER, at the request of the Grand Master, invoked the Divine blessing upon Brother BARKLEY, and prayed that he might be spared "for further deeds of usefulness to the church, to Masonry, and the community."

A most interesting incident was a fraternal visit from the Grand Master of Louisiana, Most Worshipful Brother ROBERT R. REID, who was accompanied by a number of present and past Grand Officers. Past Grand Master HARRIS, of Alabama, was also a welcome visitor.

Grand Secretary SPEED's annual report continues to justify the opinion we expressed a year ago in the good fortune of the Grand Lodge in getting his services as Grand Secretary.

Number of Lodges, 293, a gain of 2; initiated, 922; total membership, 10,966, a gain of 426. Receipts, including balance, were \$16,742.55; disbursements, \$5194.51; balance, \$11,548.04. From the Relief Fund were disbursed \$902, and \$500 were appropriated to the Masonic Home.

A loving tribute to the memory of that distinguished Masonic writer and jurist, the late Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, of Maine, was paid by Most Worshipful Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary Brother FREDERIC SPEED.

A strong resolution against cipher rituals was adopted. No action was taken with regard to the "Temple of Fraternity" at St. Louis.

After Grand Lodge had closed its session, a number of Brothers made a pilgrimage to the grave of the late Past Grand Master McCORMICK.

The proceedings of the Emergent Communications are duly recorded. At one, we note that the Grand Lodge was "*formed in procession and annointed with perfume,*" which strikes us as unusual. Portraits are given of the retiring

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Grand Master, and of Brothers WILLIAM P. MILLER and JAMES WATTS.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is, as usual, by Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother A. H. BARKLEY, "reporter for Mississippi," who has prepared another informing paper. He appears to agree with us in thinking that the National flag is out of place in a Masonic Lodge-room. Our Brother stands to his guns, and briefly defends his views when they are questioned. It is really curious that so many of his brother "reporters" should have mistaken his views on the question of recognizing Mexican Masonry; Brother BARKLEY is rightly in favor of letting it alone.

Pennsylvania for 1901 receives two pages of review, the message sent to Past Grand Master ARNOLD being quoted, together with extracts from the addresses of Grand Masters WAGNER and TENNIS. Less than six lines dispose of our report, which is said to be "a well-prepared paper, abounding in Masonic information."

Most Worshipful Brother EMMET N. THOMAS, of Greenville, Grand Master; Most Worshipful Brother FREDERIC SPEED, of Vicksburg, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

MISSOURI—1903.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri began its Eighty-third Annual Communication in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, St. Louis, on Tuesday, October 20, A.D. 1903, and closed two days later.

Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM F. KUHN, Acting Grand Master.

The Proceedings open with the portrait of Most Worshipful Brother JOHN CAMPBELL YOCUM, Missouri's Grand Master, who died in office, April 26, 1903. It was our

pleasure to have Grand Master YOCUM with us at our Washington Celebration, and the greeting he brought from his Grand Lodge was appreciated. Our Brethren will learn of his death with sorrow.

It seems, in Missouri, that when the Grand Lodge is opened by the Deputy Grand Master, it is done in *ample* form; with us it would be in *due* form.

The illness and absence of the Grand Master, who went to Arizona for his health, was the cause of some trouble, and after his return he was totally unable to perform his duties as Grand Master. In order that the Deputy Grand Master might have the opinion of experienced Brethren to help him, he consulted with a committee composed of two Past Grand Masters, a District Deputy Grand Master, a District Deputy Grand Lecturer, and two Past Masters, all of whom agreed that the disability was so great that the Deputy Grand Master must assume the function of Grand Master, which he did in a letter to the Craft, dated March 16. In six weeks the Grand Master entered into life eternal.

The address of the Acting Grand Master shows a vigorous and faithful official. He is opposed to the Craft appearing in public on other than Masonic occasions.

In his annual report, Grand Secretary VINCIL again calls attention to the matter of Lodges insuring their property, but, as before, nothing seems to have been done in the matter.

Number of Lodges, 565; initiated, 2709; total membership, 37,684, a gain of over 1400. Receipts, including balance, were \$75,469.19; disbursements, \$34,516.25; balance, \$40,952.94.

The item, "Philadelphia Centennial, \$100," in the report of the Committee on Accounts, may some of these times not be understood. We presume the appropriation was for the delegate to the Washington Sesqui-centennial Celebration at Philadelphia, November 5, 1902.

The Boards of Relief of Kansas City, St. Joseph, St. Louis, and Springfield disbursed \$4128.74.

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The Grand Orator, Brother WILLIAM SOUTHERN, delivered an oration upon "The Scarlet Thread of Love."

Missouri will be on the safe side hereafter in publishing the reports of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances; the Grand Secretary is to give only the title of the case, and the action of the Grand Lodge in affirming, modifying, or reversing the action of the Subordinate Lodge. In previous reports we have had occasion to refer to some objectionable things which appeared in such reports in Missouri, and are glad they will no longer be seen.

The Grand Lodges of Cuba, New Zealand, New South Wales, South Australia, West Australia, Tasmania, and Victoria were recognized, and this string was attached to the recognition of Valle de Mexico:

"Provided its Grand Master file in the office of our Grand Secretary a statement in writing, attested by its Grand Secretary, under seal, that it holds no fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of Belgium at Brussels, or the Grand Orient of France, or any other kindred or fraternal Masonic organization which refuses to recognize the existence of the one living and true God."

A collection, amounting to \$117, was taken up for the children of the Masonic Home, who had delighted the Brethren the first morning by their singing, previous to the opening of Grand Lodge. The Home received merited commendation.

Most Worshipful Brother BESTOR G. BROWN, Grand Master of Kansas, was a welcome and honored guest.

The Committee on Charity recommended that \$975 be appropriated for the relief of eleven beneficiaries, whose names are carefully given.

A picture is given of the "Washington gavel" used by Brother GEORGE WASHINGTON in laying the corner-stone of the National Capitol in 1793.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Correspondence is by the Committee, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, and now Grand Secretary, Reverend Brother JOHN D. VINCIL, D.D., his twenty-sixth, whose work is the admiration of the younger writers. Our Brother avoids the scissors and condenses well, omitting nothing of interest. His motto is, "Better Masons and fewer of them;" he is rightly vigorous in his opposition to smoking in the Lodge-room, resting his opposition on the highest grounds; thinks that a petitioner must be twenty-one when he signs his application; wants to know what name Brother THOMPSON, of North Dakota, will call his new "Juvenile order;" prefers to have his middle initial given correctly; says the dollar standard in Masonry is unfortunately too common; and that every Grand Lodge should have permanent location and stay there. He gave a most dignified explanation why there was no comment made on the Correspondence report of a certain Jurisdiction:

"From my youth I have followed a safe rule to form opinions, and make my acquaintances accordingly, claiming the right to select my associations. Following this rule, I always select gentlemen as companions. Hence there was 'No comment made on the report on correspondence.'"

He also gives his unqualified approval to the opinion that life-membership in Lodges is a great mistake.

Six pages of interesting review are given to Pennsylvania for 1902. Referring to the Washington celebration, Brother VINCIL says,—

"The addresses made mark it as the grandest Masonic occasion in the history of the United States. The history of that occasion is found in a memorial volume published by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which contains a full and complete account of all the proceedings connected with the celebration. This office has been favored with a copy, for

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which I desire, in this official and public way, to return the thanks of the Masons of Missouri."

Grand Master TENNIS's address is "one of the ablest documents of its kind that I have found in Journals of Grand Lodge Proceedings." The leading topics of the address are well summarized and commented upon with approval. He said he would suggest to his Grand Master to try Brother TENNIS's method to increase attendance at Masonic burials. Our Brother says, "Free Masonry in Pennsylvania is a grand organization; massive, solid, progressive, and most ably directed." We appreciate our Brother's words of commendation.

Our report receives Brother VINCIL's kindly approval, it being "a well-prepared compendium showing on the part of the writer thorough familiarity with all the subjects coming under his notice;" and we are described as a "first-class reporter." It would seem from dear Brother VINCIL's explanation that whenever he receives an invitation to a Masonic function, directed to himself, he takes it to his Grand Master, so that that Brother may acknowledge it. We should think that Most Worshipful Brother would object.

Most Worshipful Brother WILLIAM F. KUHN, of Kansas City, Grand Master; Most Worshipful Brother JOHN D. VINCIL, of St. Louis, Grand Secretary re-elected.

MONTANA—1902.

THE Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Montana began its Thirty-eighth Annual Communication in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Butte, on Wednesday, September 17, A.D. 1902, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother GEORGE T. SLACK, Grand Master.

In his annual address, the Grand Master reports fully his doings, showing zeal and discretion. In the case of one Lodge, where it was the custom to allow smoking during the work, it was feared that the prohibition would prevent a quorum; the Grand Master, however, advised that smoking should be stopped, and it would seem that the anticipated lack of quorum was not realized.

Number of Lodges, 50, including one under dispensation; initiated, 297; total membership, 3553, a gain of 228. Receipts, including balance, were \$11,414.41; disbursements, \$3892.33; balance, \$7522.08. The Masonic Home Fund amounts to \$15,376.80. Sufficient funds to maintain a Home have not yet been obtained, and our Brothers are wise in moving slowly.

In his annual report, his thirtieth, Grand Secretary HEDGES contrasts 1872, with 15 Lodges having a membership of 595 and annual dues of \$1779, and 1902, with 50 Lodges (one under dispensation) having a membership of 3500 and annual dues of over \$7000. Brother HEDGES is of an economical turn of mind (except that he is lavish with his l's when spelling "jewels" in his own report), and proposed that as the Grand Lodge did not have either a sword or a standard, the offices of Grand Sword Bearer and Grand Standard Bearer should be abolished to save buying the jewels. The matter of procuring jewels was indefinitely postponed, but the offices were duly filled.

We are surprised to see that the decision of the Grand Master, that a written unfavorable report of a member of a committee of investigation on the application of a petitioner for initiation would have the effect of a blackball, was overruled by the Committee on Jurisprudence, whose report was adopted by Grand Lodge. To our mind this is clearly wrong. In this Jurisdiction, an unfavorable report has the effect of a blackball.

The formal dedication of the fine new Temple at Butte took place in the evening of the first day, and was public, and

Brother HEDGES explains that it was “public only to the extent that the Lodge was not tyled and the only profanes present were some of the choir and newspaper men.” Why the Lodge was not tyled and all profanes excluded at such a ceremony, is more than we can understand. The dedicatory addresses were very interesting. The ground and building complete cost about \$85,000.

From the principal address, which was made by Brother H. L. FRANK, we quote:

“The early history of Speculative Masonry hovers over, clings to, and is associated with, the first knowledge of architecture, the building of homes for the early civilized man, and the erection of those historic buildings of England, where the first lodges of the Rite, as we now understand it, were instituted, and its great lessons of brotherly love were practiced. The first [?] lodge in England, of which we have any authentic knowledge, was established in London in the year 1717. The rite was implanted in America in 1730, under a Charter from England, and the first lodge established in Philadelphia, the City of Brotherly Love, a most fitting place for the erection of the first Masonic Altar in this land.

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“To show the order’s wonderful growth on this continent, I will give you a brief resume. It started in Philadelphia in 1730 with but a quorum. It has grown, increased and flourished, until in 1899, its membership has reached the almost incredible number of one million active members, composed of the very best citizens from every walk of life of our most glorious commonwealth. It also has 12,000 lodges located in every state and territory in the Union. In our own peerless Montana, the Great Treasure State, the first lodge was established at Bannack in 1863, and we have now fifty lodges with a total membership of three thousand three hundred and twenty-five.”

In some way our Brother omits the name of the present President of the United States, Brother THEODORE ROOSEVELT, from his list of Presidents who were members of the Craft.

The following was adopted as to the placing of the lights:

“ All three on the south side of the altar so that one will be at either end of the altar and the third placed so as to form the apex of a triangle of which the two near the altar form the base.”

A testimonial was voted to the retiring Grand Master, whose portrait forms the frontispiece; an excellent view of the new Temple at Butte is given. The signet ring was duly transmitted to the new Grand Master.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence is by Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother CORNELIUS HEDGES, the efficient Grand Secretary, who writes for us again one of the best and most readable reports of the year. Scissors he abhors. His health, we rejoice to know, is better, “ in spite of medicine and hot springs.”

Our Brother disapproves of amending Constitutions, and thinks with us that a candidate, who is maimed after being made a Fellow Craft, should not be debarred from being made a Master Mason.

We notice how happy Brother HEDGES is in his choice of words: speaking of the Grand Feast on St. John the Evangelist's Day, in Massachusetts, he says, “ Seats were provided for 325 and all were *filled*; so were the banqueters.” (Italics ours.)

Brother HEDGES ends his interesting “ Conclusion” with the statement that the motto of Masonry is “ *Nulla vestigium retrorsum*,” which is bad Latin; the words as intended, which are now usually taken to express a fixed purpose to advance, were used very differently by Horace. Brother HEDGES has favored us with a dozen or more Latin quota-

tions, not to mention at least one Greek one, but he should try to get that dreadful "printer's devil" to let them alone, as several are somewhat out of plumb.

Pennsylvania for 1901 is well summarized. The following with regard to our Temple and Library will be of interest:

"Those who know something by general rumor of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, the finest in the world, will be surprised to learn that \$100,000 was expended during the year in alterations, chiefly in the basement, one item of which, elevators, figured at \$23,500; vaults, \$17,972.76; heating and ventilating, \$10,089.

"A schedule of improvements still in contemplation, estimated on the scale of work already done, must swell the investment beyond \$2,000,000. For these additions and improvements, which are to include decoration of the main room, no increase of indebtedness is to be incurred, but the ordinary revenues of Grand Lodge will be the sole reliance.

"As it stands to-day, every one of the 57,266 Masons in the state has over \$30 interest in the Temple. It resembles somewhat life among the Greeks of classic times. While their private residences were humble, their temples were magnificent. But the contrast is greater than the resemblance, for while the great mass of people in the ancient world were wretchedly poor and comfortless according to our ideas of living, the great mass of our people live in comparative bounty, if not luxury. If it were taking bread out of the mouths of the poor, or were allowing any to suffer for the necessities of life, we should regret to see such a lavish outlay upon such a gorgeous structure. But it is a benediction to the world to be allowed to look upon a structure so elevating and satisfying. The spirit of beauty once kindled in the soul seeks to transform all about. Dr. Holmes speaks of some meals served at Parisian restaurants as 'gastronomic symphonies.' In a higher and truer sense a beautiful, well-pro-

portioned edifice is an architectural symphony. The Masonic Temple in Philadelphia when completed will be one of the wonders of the world and will attract, delight and instruct visitors from every part of the World.

“The first, and a long step towards acquiring a library, is to provide a good place to put one, as to attract birds is to provide a carcass. Since the Temple provided shelving space books have multiplied till they now number 13,000. Philadelphia has the advantage over Cedar Rapids in gathering a school of Masonic writers with conveniences for good work. Few realize how large a literature has sprung up along the path of Masonry, illustrative of its history, principles and purposes. Those who imagine that all has been said or written about Masonry that the subject admits are greatly mistaken. In the philosophy and ethics of Masonry is an almost uncultivated field from which rich harvests may be gathered.”

Our report received scant attention, our Brother guessing, from its size, we imagine, that “the Correspondence department is treated with great fullness and ability by a committee among whom we recognize familiar names. The Brother who notices Montana has been generous of space and words of approval, which we appreciate the more because we have had to work at a disadvantage.”

“The Brother who notices Montana,” has been “noticing” Montana and all the other Sister Grand Lodges since 1900, but as Brother HEDGES is a fellow Yale man, we shall have to forgive him for the oversight.

Most Worshipful Brother FRANK E. SMITH, of Lewistown, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother CORNELIUS HEDGES, of Helena, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

NEBRASKA—1903.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska began its Forty-sixth Annual Communication in Freemasons' Hall, Omaha, on Wednesday, June 3, A.D. 1903, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother NATHANIEL M. AYRES, Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master is full and complete, showing devotion to duty. All of his decisions, however, did not commend themselves to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Grand Lodge. The Grand Master is in favor of carrying the flag at funerals, when "it should be draped in mourning and carried at half mast;" we think that unnecessary. A flag was ordered to be procured "to be carried on all occasions when the Grand Lodge shall appear as such."

Number of Lodges, 233; initiated, 916; total membership, 13,624, a gain of 509. Receipts, including balance, were \$29,723.92; disbursements, \$19,445.49; balance, \$10,278.43. The Relief Fund disbursed \$1307. The Orphans' Educational Fund has increased \$2053 to \$38,713.32.

Greetings were exchanged with the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and a fraternal message was sent to Past Grand Master FURNAS, who was at the Hot Springs, South Dakota, for his health, to which he replied in fitting terms.

The Grand Orator, Brother ROSCOE POUND, delivered a long oration, having for its theme the teachings of KARL CHRISTIAN FREDERICH KRAUSE, "one of the founders of a new Masonic literature, and the founder of a school of legal thought."

Victoria was recognized, and further time was asked to report on Argentina. Hereafter the Grand Lodge is to be permanently located at Omaha, which is a wise decision.

The record of the second day contains the following:

“Deputy Grand Master Bullard reported to the Grand Lodge that he had attended the Washington sesqui-centennial celebration held in the city of Philadelphia, under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, November 5th, 1902, and in a general way gave a description of the ceremonies at that noted Masonic gathering. Brother Bullard stated that as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, he was fraternally received and duly honored by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania as one of its guests.”

The greeting which Brother BULLARD brought from Nebraska was much appreciated by his Brethren of Pennsylvania.

It is pleasant to know how much the Nebraska Brethren appreciate the faithful labors of their Grand Custodian, Past Grand Master FRENCH, and to see that they do not hesitate to let him know in his lifetime that he is appreciated.

The new Masonic Home was to be started within sixty days. We wish our Brethren success in their good work.

Past Grand Master LININGER presented to the retiring Grand Master a gavel made of olive-wood, which the former had purchased in the city of Jerusalem. The *Acacia*, published at Lincoln, Nebraska, was commended to the support of the Brethren.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is once again entirely from the pen of Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother CHARLES J. PHELPS, who summarizes well, and selects judiciously, only occasionally giving his own views. Statistics he reserves for a table at the end of his report, which has much to commend it.

He doubts there being any “Private Grand Honors,” and we are with him; he wants a bill of particulars before pleading to a “charge of romancing;” and thinks his Grand Lodge and Brother LININGER made no mistake in exchanging representatives with the Grand Lodge of Egypt, which is not, so far as we are informed, a “sovereign” Grand Lodge; being

a dependency of the Grand Lodge of England, it is not unnatural that well-known English Brethren should back their own Grand Lodge. Apparently Brother PHELPS has confused Brother GEORGE W. SPETH with Brother ROBERT FREKE GOULD, the former being at the time of his death the able Secretary of Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, London.

Our Brother seems to think it is an easy matter for Committees on Correspondence, to whom applications for recognition are usually referred, to decide, because they "have the means of determining the exact character of the applicants." We differ decidedly. Very frequently the information is most difficult to obtain, and yet some Brethren, because one or two Grand Lodges have recognized the applicant, think they must do likewise, without examining the case for themselves.

The Annual Grand Communication of Pennsylvania for 1902 receives some review, and a long quotation is made from Grand Master TENNIS's address. No mention is made of our Washington celebration. Brother PHELPS glanced at our review of Nebraska, and twice misspells our name. In reply to a remark we made that we were at a loss to know why it should be thought necessary to state, "Every Grand Lodge Officer installed was invested with the jewel of his office," our Brother says "it is because every grand officer installed, with us, is invested with the jewel of his office." How a Grand Officer could be installed without being invested with the jewel of his station, is more than we can say; the one includes the other; and why state what is superfluous?

Brother PHELPS is so kind as to say that our "reports are a valuable contribution to the literature of Freemasonry, critical, accurate, and withal very interesting. The exact facts, we have no doubt, are set forth, whenever Freemasonry in Pennsylvania is historically under review, controversially or otherwise."

Most Worshipful Brother FRANK E. BULLARD, of North Platte, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother FRANCIS E. WHITE, of Omaha, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

NEVADA—1903.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Nevada began its Thirty-ninth Annual Grand Communication in the Masonic Hall, Virginia City, on Tuesday, June 9, A.D. 1903, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother ALEXANDER O. PERCY, Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master is a brief record of duties well performed. We are glad to see that his recommendation that the portrait of Grand Secretary NOTEWARE, who has served in that important station for sixteen years, be given in the Proceedings, was adopted.

Number of Lodges, 21; initiated, 77; total membership, 996, a gain of 40. Receipts, including balance, were \$3058.06; disbursements, \$1345.80; balance, \$1712.26.

The Committee on Grievances had nothing before them. The enterprise of the "Temple of Fraternity," at the St. Louis Exposition, was endorsed, but Grand Lodge did not feel financially able to contribute. The Grand Lodges of Valle de Mexico and "Ignacio Ramirez" were recognized. The Committee on Correspondence is not to be limited in the number of pages in future reports, which is a wise determination.

In addition to the portrait of Brother NOTEWARE, we have one of the retiring Grand Master, showing, we take it, the new collar and apron provided for the Grand Master; also portraits of the two Past Grand Masters who died during the year, Most Worshipful Brothers HENRY L. FISH and ALBERT

LACEY, the former having been Grand Master in 1878-79, the latter in 1897-98.

Interesting memorials of these departed Brethren are given.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by the Chairman, Brother E. D. VANDERLIETH, who has written a bright, breezy, and very interesting paper. Our Brother has not, we are glad to see, confined himself strictly to the fifty pages to which the Grand Lodge had, in a fit of economy, wished to confine him, but he has, following his repeated advice to others, "gingered up."

Under Kansas, our Brother gives his views of begging circulars:

"They have grown to be a great nuisance. Masonry everywhere responds unasked, and with alacrity and unbounded generosity, when the needed relief or assistance is beyond the commands of the home jurisdiction, but requests to aid in erecting a monument at Ragtown, a temple at Frog Level, a lodge room at Milpitas, or a hospital at Poverty Gulch are fit for prompt interment in the waste basket. When Masonic relief reaches the level of tickets for street fairs, and that notorious ten-cent system of chain letters, for the above objects, it is full time to cry a halt!"

Brother VANDERLIETH seems not to hesitate to brush aside provisions of the Ancient Charges, if they do not suit his ideas. Under North Carolina, he very rightly calls Brother HODSON's attention to the fact that there is a vast difference between Catholic and Roman Catholic.

Under Oregon, while he does not believe the Grand Master was "arrogant" because he exercised his prerogative of making Masons at sight, yet he says that

"his action gives that appearance to viewers from afar to the detriment of Masonry. It reminds us of the story of the

old drunk struggling desperately to reach a lamp post. A passing policeman shouted, 'Look here, you can't hang on to that lamp post!' With a wild effort the drunk made the lamp post and replying to the cop, muttered, between hiccoughs, 'Can't I? (hic) You just watch me.' "

Under West Virginia, our Brother says "that a body competent to earn an honest living" is all that Masonry should require of its candidates. Therein Brother VANDERLIETH differs with the Ancient Charges.

Pennsylvania for 1902 receives attention.

While one report of the Committee on Appeals received commendation, another did not; we have referred to the latter in this report under Wisconsin.

Grand Master TENNIS's annual address was "both dignified and forcible;" his decisions "in the main are sound;" but the decisions that no Lodge or function of any character where ladies are present can be held at the expense of the Lodge or under its direction, "would disgrace a band of Pah Ute Indians in the West. After this we would not be surprised to note that Pennsylvania had formally decided that another jurisdiction when spoken of, must be termed 'brother' and not 'sister.' "

Our dear Brother takes the lady question "mighty" seriously. He thinks the decision that "one born out of wedlock" is not eligible, is the narrowest kind of Masonry, and is "surprising, coming from a jurisdiction whose Charity is rich cream, and not of the blue water kind."

Again we shall have to tell our Brother that the teaching comes to us directly from the Old Charges; it may be narrow, but it is not our fault.

Brother VANDERLIETH is kind enough to say,—

"Pennsylvania tenaciously adheres to the old charges, sometimes a little too narrowly, we think, but she is tolerant

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and fair withal, for she does not insist that others should think as she does, though she might like them to."

He concludes his review:

"Nevada receives two pages of review in Brother Lambert's scholarly report on correspondence. Under New Jersey our Brother thinks Brother Belcher right in his dislike of the term 'progressive Masonry.' Are we not taught, my Brother, that 'Masonry is a progressive science?' If so, why dislike any thing Masonry teaches us to believe?"

Our answer is the statement which our Brother quotes under New Jersey: "The term 'progressive Masonry' stands for the introduction of methods that are foreign to the best interests of the Fraternity."

Most Worshipful Brother TRENMOR COFFIN, of Carson City, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother CHAUNCEY N. NOTEWARE, of Carson City, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

NEW BRUNSWICK—1902.

THE Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick began its Thirty-fifth Annual Communication at Masonic Hall, in the City of Saint John, on Tuesday, August 26, A.D. 1902, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother ARTHUR I. TRUEMAN, Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master is an excellent paper, showing energy and ability. Harmony and fraternity prevail. We quote:

"As a flower grows, ripens into blossom and scatters its fragrance around, so our Order, founded to promote the mo-

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ality and happiness of mankind, grows and ripens in the hearts of its members till the lustre and beauty of their lives are beheld by the world, and it is taught to search for the hidden truths that lie concealed from all who have not passed within our portals. Let our bodies be chaste, our thoughts pure, our words gentle, and our lives useful, to the honor and commendation of Free Masonry."

Number of Lodges, 35; initiated, 162; total membership, 1994, a gain of 100. Receipts, including balance, were \$4215.15; disbursements, \$2694.21, of which \$752.50 were for expense account, \$136.71 for Fund of Benevolence, and the rest for redemption of bonds.

He paid this beautiful tribute to our Brother the late President McKINLEY:

"The citizens of that nation mourned, and the world mourned with them. We extend to our American Brethren our heartfelt sympathy in their sorrow, and desire to record our utter abhorrence of that brutal crime which so suddenly cut off a beloved friend, husband, ruler and Mason, whose name will ever be revered in the memory of the world. It was truthfully said of him: 'He was a typical representative of Masonic manhood. His charity was as boundless as his thoughtfulness was tender; his sympathy was touching in the extreme, and his suavity of manner and courtesy were the outcome of the gentleness of his life. His domestic life and devotion to the home circle was as beautiful as the clear sunshine, as pure as the atmosphere of a perfect day; his cheerfulness was contagious; its wealth of sympathy appealed to the hearts of all with whom he came in contact, and his perfect resignation when the dark shadow hovered over and surrounded him at the crucial moment was a beautiful exemplification of "death being swallowed up in victory." ' ' "

A portrait in oil of Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother WILLIAM F. BUNTING, who was for many years

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Grand Secretary, was presented to Grand Lodge. St. John's Lodge, No. 2, at the city of Saint John, having at its recent centennial had a "memorial badge" struck to commemorate the event, permission was granted to the members of that Lodge "when in regalia" to wear the same.

No report from the Committee on Relation with Foreign Grand Bodies.

Most Worshipful Brother ARTHUR I. TRUEMAN, of Saint John, Grand Master; Very Worshipful Brother J. TWINING HARTT, of Saint John, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1903.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New Hampshire held its Semi-annual Communication at Freemasons' Hall, in the City of Manchester, on Tuesday, December 30, A.D. 1902.

Most Worshipful Brother HARRY M. CHENEY, Grand Master.

The Grand Master of Vermont, Most Worshipful Brother CHARLES R. MONTAGUE, was a most welcome visitor. The exemplification of the work, as usual, occupied the attention of the Brethren, while a visit to the Masonic Home was an added pleasure.

The One Hundred and Fourteenth Annual Communication was held at Freemasons' Hall, in the city of Concord, on Wednesday, May 20, 1903. In his annual address, the Grand Master gives a full account of an active year's work.

Under the heading of "The Washington Sesqui-centennial" the Grand Master says,—

"I received an invitation from the Grand Master of Pennsylvania to be present at the sesqui-centennial of Washing-

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ton's initiation as a Mason, held by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, on November 5, 1902. On account of home duties I could not accept, and I was unable to find any of our distinguished brethren whom I could send to be our representative at that most remarkable session of Pennsylvania's Grand Lodge, greatly to my personal and official regret. I have been favored with the receipt of a beautiful bronze medal, issued to commemorate the event, and with the printed proceedings of the same,—a volume of most elaborate design and of prized contents."

Among the dead of the year, to whom he pays loving tributes, we note with sorrow the name of our friend, Brother WALDO A. RUSSELL; we had not before heard of his death. We are glad to have the portrait of the late Grand Treasurer, Right Worshipful Brother JOSEPH KIDDER, whose regretted death we mentioned in our report last year; that of the late Brother EDWIN O. UPHAM is given, while the familiar features of Past Grand Master WEBSTER form the frontispiece. We are interested in the view of the new Masonic Home, which certainly presents a fine appearance.

An amendment to the Constitution was adopted levying an assessment of fifty cents for the support of the Masonic Home.

Fortunately for us, we have visited the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, as well as both the Lodges in Concord, so that we need not fear that we cannot be admitted as a visitor on account of the resolution just adopted, requiring the production of a diploma issued to us as a Master Mason in good and regular standing, by our Lodge, and under its seal and the seal of our Grand Lodge.

We fear altogether too much importance is attached to documents in the matter of attempting to establish the legitimacy of a Brother Mason.

Number of Lodges, 79; initiated, 372; total membership, 9584, a gain of 104. Receipts, including balance, were \$5507.25; disbursements, \$1802.67; balance, \$3704.58.

A large number of Special Communications were held during the year for different purposes; among them, to pay the last tribute of respect to our dear Brother KIDDER, and to lay the corner-stone of the Masonic Home, and to dedicate it to its noble purposes. Very fittingly, we have full accounts of the interesting exercises on these latter occasions, when we see a record is made of the officers past and present of the Grand Chapter, the Grand Council, and the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire, as well as of the Grand Lodge, which seems a little like mixing things.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is, as usual, by the Chairman, Brother ALBERT S. WAIT, his twenty-sixth, and we have gone over it with great interest.

Our Brother thinks that the question of the treatment of Lodges and Masons of Grand Jurisdictions to which recognition has not been extended, or from which recognition has been withdrawn, "has been treated with a technical narrowness and an illiberality of spirit not in keeping with the great principles of the institution, nor with its boasted beneficence and universality."

Unless on account of constitutional or statutory prohibition, our Brother, on general principles, fails to see, as do we, why an application for initiation should not be presented before reaching the age of twenty-one.

Our Brother has had many doubts upon the view which Brother BARLOW, of Connecticut, holds, "that although a Grand Lodge jurisdiction rejects the rule of perpetual jurisdiction, it is its Masonic duty to recognize and respect a rejection by a Lodge in a jurisdiction where perpetual jurisdiction is the law."

We hold, of course, with Brother BARLOW; and we see that, under New York, our Brother practically says that this doctrine seems to "recommend itself to Masonic reason."

Our Brother would like to go back to the old way of having business transacted when the Lodge is opened in the Entered Apprentice Degree.

Under Wyoming we quote with pleasure the following, on the subject of 1717 being the real beginning of speculative Masonry:

“ There is nothing in the history of the formation of the Grand Lodge of England, nor in the traditions concerning that event, that indicates that the fundamental principles or the usages of the institution were changed at the organization of that body, nor is there anything to indicate that such was the purpose of that organization. But the evidence all is that it was a conservative movement to preserve and perpetuate the institution, and with that view its landmarks were declared irrevocable and perpetual, and its body of principles not subject to modification or change by any man or body of men. We quite agree that the Masonic ritual has in later times been to some extent elaborated, we believe corrupted, to suit advanced ideas, as well as the whims of meddlesome dispositions. We are not convinced that a society assuming such prominence as to attract the attention and awaken the jealousy of ruling classes was held together, and maintained its existence and distinctive identity, by ‘ a mere crude ceremony and equally crude form of recognition.’ We do not readily credit that Elias Ashmole, the greatest antiquary and among the most accomplished scholars of his time, in 1646, more than seventy years before the formation of the Grand Lodge of England, sought to identify himself with a society of mere operative laborers, having nothing to recommend it but crude ceremonies and equally crude form of recognition. We are not ready to assent to the idea that a ritual especially preserving and perpetuating the memory of the archaic fact of the adoration of the sun by Moses and the children of Israel while in Egypt, and until the giving of the law upon Sinai, was an invention of 1717, or any later time, by a society thus truly described. The records, it is true, have not been well preserved, and obscurity involves the progress of our institution, but internal evidence discloses to the careful student

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an antiquity of Masonic ritual ages anterior to the formation of the Grand Lodge of England.”

Brother WAIT evidently takes time by the forelock. Although his Grand Lodge did not hold its Annual Communication until May 20, that Brother had his work practically completed by March 26, when five Proceedings (Pennsylvania for 1902 among them) arrived, and he could give but little time to their review.

A brief summary is given, the Washington Celebration being regarded “as among the most interesting occasions marking the history of American Masonry.”

Grand Master TENNIS’s annual address “is a paper fully worthy of the high position he holds in one of the foremost jurisdictions of the fraternity.”

Of our report, Brother WAIT kindly says that it is “a review of very marked ability as well as literary finish,” although he seems, as last year, to have difficulty in deciding who wrote the report, notwithstanding that the fact is distinctly stated.

Most Worshipful Brother HARRY M. CHENEY, of Lebanon, Grand Master, re-elected; Right Worshipful Brother FRANK D. WOODBURY, of Concord, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

NEW JERSEY—1903.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New Jersey began its One Hundred and Sixteenth Annual Communication at Masonic Hall, in the City of Trenton, on Wednesday, March 11, A.D. 1903, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother W. HOLT APGAR, Grand Master.
The Grand Lodge had as visitors the Grand Masters of

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New York, Delaware, and Pennsylvania, with attending Brethren; Brother TENNIS being accompanied by Grand Secretary SINN, Past Grand Master KELLY, and Brothers CHARLES M. SWAIN, JOHN L. KINSEY, J. HENRY WILLIAMS, HOWARD MARCH, and THOMAS S. STOUT. Our friends Grand Secretary BARLOW and Past Grand Master WHEELER, of Connecticut, were also welcomed, as was the governor of New Jersey, Brother FRANKLIN MURPHY. The record informs us: "From many of these Brethren the Grand Lodge was regaled with some very choice and pleasing words of fraternal greeting. It was indeed an hour of oratorical enjoyment and delight."

In his annual address, after a beginning characterized by loving and lofty thoughts, the Grand Master gives a complete account of his able and firm administration.

Referring to our Jurisdiction, Brother APGAR says,—

"To Pennsylvania we are likewise more than indebted. We have accepted more invitations to cross the river on the west than have those good brethren accepted from us. We did, however, succeed in corralling them occasionally. R. W. Brother Tennis, together with many of his Grand Officers, first visited New Jersey at Atlantic City, in May last, at the Social District Grand Lodge held for the Twelfth Masonic District. At that time the officers of Pennsylvania and New Jersey became thoroughly acquainted each with the other, and so when they were invited to Mount Holly, No. 14, F. and A. M., and to Trimble, No. 117, F. and A. M., the reunions there were most delightful and fraternal. The brethren from this great Keystone Jurisdiction are always welcome in New Jersey, and they have afforded us much pleasure by the cordial manner in which they have accepted our tender of hospitality, but we are still their debtor.

"The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, and Past Grand Masters Mann, Belcher and Ewan were highly honored by being the guests of

Pennsylvania at the sesqui-centennial of the making of our honored Brother George Washington a Mason, which was celebrated by its Grand Lodge in November last, at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

“It was a notable occasion. Probably more distinguished Masons were gathered at that celebration than have ever before assembled in one body in the United States. The address of our Brother Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, was one which those who heard will never forget. It breathed the spirit of Masonry, not only as between brethren and in the Lodges, but in the helping to solve the difficult problems of life with which we are confronted in our everyday social and business affairs. A deep impression was made by our distinguished Brother, and peace and good will and the binding of men more closely together was certainly accomplished at that celebration.

“At the banquet following the exercises, New Jersey was again honored by having one of the toasts of the evening assigned to Brother J. Franklin Fort, of Hope Lodge, No. 124, also a Justice of our Supreme Court, whose response was such as to justify his fame as an orator and New Jersey's pride therein. There were other men, members of the Craft and known throughout the land for their ability and integrity and their faithful performance of public duty, who addressed us on that occasion. And the brethren from New Jersey joined with the Brethren from all the other States in saying that such a Masonic feast was never before tendered to the Masons of this Nation, and we feel indebted and highly honored that New Jersey should have been invited in the numbers we were to be present upon that occasion.

“Besides that visit to Pennsylvania, accompanied by P. G. M. Ewan and Grand Secretary Redway, I visited the Grand Lodge at its annual session in December, and witnessed the installation of the officers elected for the ensuing year. I also visited University Lodge, in Masonic Temple; all these fraternal visits that have been interchanged between the two

jurisdictions form a most delightful memory, and one which will long remain with those who participated therein.

“ I would also add here that much official correspondence has passed between the R. W. Grand Master of Pennsylvania and the Grand Master of New Jersey, and all of it has been conducted in the same fraternal and brotherly spirit, without anything to mar the pleasantness of those fraternal relations.”

We quote the following decision, which received the approval of Grand Lodge, as well it might.

“ If an alarm be given by a member of the Lodge during the spreading of a ballot upon a candidate, the Worshipful Master may in his discretion admit him and permit him to vote. During the interim between the closing of the ballot upon the petition of one candidate and the spreading of the ballot upon the petition of another candidate, the Worshipful Master must admit all members of the Lodge who have given alarm.”

The number of Lodges as we gave it last year, was 171; Brother BELCHER said that was correct, “ but to remove future doubts, we have communicated your [our] request to Brother Redway, who will doubtless give the number annually.” Dear Brother REDWAY has done nothing of the kind that we can find; but we guess the number as 173; raised, 1565; total membership, 20,351, a gain of 1201. Receipts, including balance, were \$34,092.24; disbursements, \$18,843.59; balance, \$15,248.65.

Grand Lodge adopted a revised Constitution, By-Laws, and Digest, the work of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

Past Grand Masters BELCHER, through illness, and CANNON, through illness and old age, were unable to be present, and telegrams of remembrance were sent to them.

A recess was taken to receive the children from the Ma-

sonic Home, which, in addition to twelve children, cares for forty-six other beneficiaries. A tax of two dollars per head was voted to raise funds for an orphanage in connection with the Home, which has done and is doing a noble work.

A most interesting report from the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence was submitted, as promised, on the subject of the Landmarks, ten being all that the Committee could find, being given under these heads: (1) God; (2) The Great Light in Masonry; (3) The Grand Master; (4) The Lodge; (5) The Candidate; (6) The Brethren; (7) Master and Wardens; (8) Jurisdiction; (9) Secrecy; (10) Degrees.

We see that the comma is omitted, as usual, from the words of the Old Charge, "incapable of learning the Art, of serving his Master's Lord," etc.

Three Emergent Communications were held, two for the purpose of constituting Lodges, and one for laying a cornerstone. At one of the former, as well as at the Annual Communication, we notice that our friend and classmate at Yale, Right Worshipful Brother ALLTON H. SHERMAN, District Deputy Grand Master of the Eighth District, was present.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is again by the Chairman, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother CHARLES BELCHER, who has prepared one of the best summarized reports of the year. It is very largely written, with some interesting excerpts. Our Brother hopes to continue "old-fashioned," has no fear for his scalp, having "too high a forehead" (doubtless a towel with our Brother answers the purpose of an instrument of the toilet), and thinks that, if anybody should be exempted from the payment of dues, it is the Master of the Lodge.

The decision, under North Carolina, "The names of candidates whose applications are to be balloted upon should not be printed in notices of meetings sent by a Lodge to its members," our Brother thinks a wise provision. We do not agree; it may become necessary to limit the *printing* to be done by a Brother Mason, but notices with the names of the candi-

dates we think should be sent to each member, but they should be sent in *sealed* envelopes.

Six pages are given to a full summary of our doings for 1901 and the addresses of Grand Masters WAGNER and TENNIS. A few lines dispose of our report, which is, very kindly, said to be "written in a forceful yet fraternal way, and is good Masonry throughout."

Our Brother supplements his review as follows:

" 'In the State, you are to be a quiet and peaceable citizen, true to your government and just to your country.'

" Under the influence of these teachings there gathered in the Temple in Philadelphia on November 5th, a representative body of Masons to do honor to the memory of our illustrious Bro. George Washington, and lay fresh laurels at the shrine of liberty, patriotism and reverence for the Father of our Country. From all sections the loyal and true met in one common interest. The Chief Executive of the Nation stood upon the same level with the silver-tongued, though unaffiliated, orator of the Empire State. The Bay State burying the hatchet of 'priority of existence' sent her favored son to carry her congratulations to the Keystone State and electrify those assembled with golden expressions of loyalty, fraternity and welcome. Pennsylvania, through her able reviewer, filled the air with statistical information, and the courtly, finished utterances of her Grand Master impressed all with the greatness of the occasion and the sturdy adherence of the jurisdiction to old-time customs and usage. The beauties of oratory, the thrill of patriotism, the sense of the presence of departed greatness stirred the assembled brethren to the inmost recesses of their hearts, yet but once was the decorum of the gathering disturbed by forbidden applause, and then by a representative of the 'cloth.'

" The purely Masonic surroundings, unbounded hospitality, mental and physical refreshment, were well calculated to leave with all participants an impression that will be lasting

and fruitful in creating grander and nobler conceptions of our Fraternity.

“Choice souvenirs of the occasion were supplied for all present, but the memory of the occasion the ‘Washingtonia’ exhibited, the fraternal associations formed, the exemplification of the principles and tenets of our institution, tend to form a halo around the occasion which will last while life’s light shall flicker and wane in these human torches. Nation, State, Church and judiciary, all lent their aid in making the celebration a grand success, and succeeded. Our thanks are due and herewith tendered for the opportunity afforded of being present upon so memorable and intensely interesting occasion.”

Most Worshipful Brother W. HOLT APGAR, of Trenton, Grand Master, re-elected; Right Worshipful Brother THOMAS H. R. REDWAY, of Trenton, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

NEW MEXICO—1902.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Mexico began its twenty-fifth Annual Communication in the Hall of Montezuma Lodge, No. 1, in the City of Santa Fé, on Monday, October 20, A.D. 1902, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother ARTHUR H. HARLLEE, Grand Master.

The Grand Master’s address shows a wise, efficient, and energetic administration. It was natural that the Grand Lodge should meet at Santa Fé, as there, twenty-five years before, the Grand Lodge had been organized. Our Brother seems very fond of the word “mysteries.” He wisely urges

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the Brethren to become "reading Masons." The excellent work of Brother SEAMON, who is both Grand Lecturer and Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, received merited recognition at the Grand Master's hands and at those of Grand Lodge, as a Past Master's jewel, of such value as would at least in part show the appreciation felt by the Brethren, was ordered to be procured for him.

Number of Lodges, 20, a loss of one; initiated, 87; total membership, 1133, a gain of 54. Receipts, including balance, were \$2242.92; disbursements, \$876.98; balance, \$1365.94.

A committee of three Past Grand Masters was appointed to call on Past Grand Master FROST, in Santa Fé, and express sympathy with him in his inability, owing to his physical condition, to be present in Grand Lodge.

We object most strongly to the following, which was adopted:

"A Mason holding a dimit which is more than one year old is not entitled to any Masonic rights and privileges except that of making application for membership to a lodge."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is again by the Chairman, Right Worshipful Brother W. H. SEAMON, who, though limited in space, has given us another interesting report, which, in spite of his statement to the contrary, is "well worth reading."

Our Brother's papers on Mexican Masonry have been of great interest and value. He practically concludes some remarks on that subject in this report as follows:

"The future of Masonry in Mexico will show one of two results inside of the next two years.

"1. The death of the Grand Lodge Valley of Mexico and York, or American, rite masonry; or

"2. The separation of the two rites and complete recogni-

tion the world over of all of those zealous masons who have striven so hard for recognition ; striven well, but not wisely.”

We are not in accord with the following :

“ We think that a person indicted by grand jury does not ‘ bear the tongue of good report.’ ”

Public clamor is not good *Masonic* report.

Under California, we quote for consideration :

“ No person can visit a Lodge if objection is offered by any member, is a proposition not open for discussion. California undoubtedly possesses the right to say that none of its members may visit other Lodges in the jurisdiction when they are in arrears for dues, but we question the right of California, or any other jurisdiction, to deny the right of visitation to a brother from another jurisdiction who cannot exhibit a receipt showing all his dues paid. Any brother in good standing has the right to visit other Lodges ; the question of his good standing as far as dues are concerned, rests entirely with his own Lodge, and no Grand Lodge has the right to legislate on this subject for another jurisdiction.

“ Such legislation cannot accomplish any real good. Visitation proceeds from one of two objects. 1.—He is interested in Masonry and desires to learn all he can by association with brethren of many jurisdictions. 2.—He is working the Fraternity for revenue.

“ If the latter is his object you can rest assured that he will have all the documentary evidence necessary, which in all probability will not belong to him by right, and the committee examining cannot tell whether he is an impostor or not, until they can communicate with the Lodge from which he pretends to hail.

“ We are of the opinion that this requirement is useless and unnecessary. We recommend the following plan of [*sic*] those jurisdictions who are afraid of being imposed upon.

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Require Lodges to brand with hot irons every M. M. made, and on the 1st of every January to brand him with a mark, under seal of the Lodge, that he has paid his dues for the year. Such documentary evidence cannot be stolen and transferred although it may be forged."

Under Illinois, referring to Brother ROBBINS's able report, to which we have referred again this year, he says,—

"We believe in the soundness of these ideas, and it is to be regretted that the American Grand Lodges (not excepting even Illinois) have not followed them closely. There should be no mixing of rites in extending recognition. We do not see clearly our line of retreat from the alliances already made, which must insensibly draw us into other alliances of like character. The problems presented in Mexico have been complicated by the union of the York and Scottish Rite Lodges."

Pennsylvania for 1901 receives comment, and an extract is made from Grand Master TENNIS's inaugural. Our review of New Mexico was read, and in reply to the information on which our Brother based some rather sweeping conclusions, we may remind our Brother that "two swallows do not make a summer."

Brother SEAMON concludes:

"Pennsylvania Masonry is, we fear, too conservative in its doctrines, teachings and practice. Some of its ideas are based upon imaginary foundations, and eventually the intelligence of the able brethren of Pennsylvania must recognize the fact. Extreme conservatism leads to errors equally as great as those of extreme progress. The only difference is in the character and effects of the errors."

Most Worshipful Brother E. A. CAHOON, of Roswell, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother ALPHEUS A. KEEN, of Albuquerque, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

NEW SOUTH WALES—1903.

THE United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, held a Special Communication in the Masonic Hall, Sydney, on Friday, July 4, 1902, for the purpose of installing officers.

Most Worshipful Brother JOHN C. REMINGTON, Grand Master.

On being installed for the fourth year of service, the Grand Master delivered an appropriate and interesting address, filled with loyalty to the British Empire. Referring to the day of meeting, he said,—

“By a notable coincidence we meet on a day, the annual recurrence of which is celebrated with enthusiasm by the citizens of the great United States of America, where I need scarcely remind you, Freemasonry flourishes on that giant scale which seems appropriate to that great country.

“On the 4th July, one hundred and twenty-six years ago, the American Colonies emerged from their childhood, and boldly cut the leading-strings by signing the Declaration of Independence. Not however till they had exhausted their efforts to otherwise secure autonomous government, which they would then have been quite content should be under the Crown, as that of Australia now is.”

At the September Quarterly, the 10th day, in his address, referring to the vote about to be proposed for an appropriation for the sufferers by the terrible colliery disaster at Mount Kembla, the Grand Master mentioned six previous occasions, beginning in 1890, when the Grand Lodge had voted donations amounting to over \$3500,—a splendid record. Two hundred and fifty dollars were accordingly voted.

In his address at the December Quarterly, the 10th day, the Grand Master mentioned the invitation to our Washington celebration.

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“Unfortunately it did not arrive here until three days after that date, so that I had not even the opportunity of sending fraternal greetings by telegram.

“It is gratifying however that this, one of the oldest and most respected of American Grand Lodges, recognises the autonomy of Masonic Government in each State of the Australian Commonwealth, and does not consider it sufficient, as a Canadian Grand Lodge apparently did, to address one communication to ‘the Freemasons of Australia,’ and that only through one of the younger Grand Lodges.”

A proposition to reverse the action of 1899 which disapproved the practice of attending church services “in regalia,” was defeated by an overwhelming majority; wisely, we think.

A grant of one hundred guineas was made for the “Drought Relief Fund,” and at the June Quarterly, \$250 were given to the fund for the Brethren injured by a cyclone at Townsville in Queensland. Our Brethren certainly are generous.

A special Communication was held as usual the day before the June Quarterly, for the purpose of nominating officers, the elections being held June 10.

Number of Lodges, 189, a gain of 3; initiated, 1230; total membership, 9378, a gain of 566. Six thousand five hundred and eighty-three dollars were disbursed by the Board of Benevolence to 209 applicants, none of whom hailed from Pennsylvania. The Grand Lodge Fund increased by \$2475 to \$15,155; the Benevolent Fund, by \$4065 to \$45,725; the Freemasons’ Orphan Society Fund, by \$2895 to \$123,495; and the Fremasons’ Benevolent Institution Fund, by \$2645 to \$35,835.

From a statement by Grand Secretary BRAY we quote:

“New South Wales, the oldest State in the Commonwealth of Australia, covers 309,175 square miles, and the Lodges

are fairly well distributed throughout the entire area. Those at Broken Hill, in the West, are 850 miles from the Metropolis, but are only accessible by a journey through other States of about 1400 miles.

“The Lodge farthest north is at Murwillumbah, distant 340 miles, and south at Bombala, 200 miles.

“The Territory is divided into Metropolitan and 23 Country Districts, under Inspectors.”

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by the Committee: the Chairman, Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM H. SHORTLAND, reviewing thirteen Jurisdictions, Brother THOMAS L. ROWBOTHAM ten, Right Worshipful Brother JOHN G. MOON nine, Brother CLAUDE LEPLASTRIER four, Brother “T. I. R.” two, Brother “C. G.” one, while twenty-two, Pennsylvania included, are unmarked. Whether these are by another member of the Committee, Brother HERBERT S. THOMPSON, we cannot say.

Under Ohio, we notice that Brother ROWBOTHAM, following Brother CUNNINGHAM, quotes some remarks we *quoted* from Brother BELLINGER, of South Carolina, and attributes them to this writer.

Over two pages are given to a review of Pennsylvania for 1902, the Brother greatly admiring “the beautiful and striking steel engraving of Bro. George Washington, the great patriot, whose memory is rightly cherished and kept evergreen by our brethren in America.” An excellent summary of our doings is made, and an extract from Past Grand Master ARNOLD’s remarks on the “magnificent gift” of Grand Treasurer PATTON is given.

In his review of Virginia, Brother MOON, referring to our Washington celebration, said,—

“It was national in character, and brought together representatives from the majority of the sister jurisdictions in America, and many from other parts of the world, ‘only

distance from New South Wales preventing our own Grand Lodge having a representative.' The address of Bro. Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States of America, was a masterpiece of eloquence and wise thought."

Three lines is sufficient to dispose of our report, except that a few lines more are taken to explain that Past Deputy Grand Master TRIVETT had not resigned from the Committee on Correspondence, but his term of office had expired.

Most Worshipful Brother JOHN C. REMINGTON, of Sydney, Grand Master, re-elected; Very Worshipful Brother ARTHUR H. BRAY, of Sydney, Grand Secretary, continued.

NEW YORK—1903.

THE Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York began its One Hundred and Twenty-second Annual Communication in the Masonic Hall, in the City of New York, on Tuesday, May 5, A.D. 1903, and closed two days later.

Most Worshipful Brother ELBERT CRANDALL, Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master is a full account of his service, his administration being marked by energy and firmness; and his endeavors to exclude and to drive out the unworthy will be productive of good. Two interesting addresses of the Grand Master at the laying of corner-stones are also printed with his address.

He reported the death of the senior Past Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother CLINTON F. PAIGE, and Right Worshipful Brother PETER ROSS, the Grand Historian; and, among the dead of Sister Grand Lodges, mention is made of the death of Past Grand Master ARNOLD, reference to it being also made in the report of the Committee on Deceased Brethren.

Number of Lodges, 757, a gain of two; initiated, 9756; total membership, 118,185, a gain of 6820. Receipts, including balance, \$156,647.36; disbursements, \$85,923.09; balance, \$70,724.27. The Permanent Fund amounts to \$131,477.78.

Past Grand Master ANTHONY gives another interesting report on the Home at Utica, which flourishes so under his direction. One hundred and thirty-nine Brethren, 82 women, 32 boys, and 22 girls are cared for at a cost of \$54,276.23 for current expenses, the Home Staff including thirty-seven persons, of whom twenty-eight reside in the Home.

The Grand Historian, Brother EDWIN A. QUICK, follows in the lines laid down by the lamented Brother Ross, and gives sketches of a number of Lodges.

Grand Librarian CLARKE reports, among eleven Brethren to whom he is especially grateful for courtesies, Brother GEORGE P. RUPP, the Librarian of our Grand Lodge.

It will soon be necessary to enlarge both the Masonic Hall at Twenty-third Street and Sixth Avenue, and the German Masonic Temple, or take some steps to secure additional income for the support of the Homes at Utica and Tappan.

The Board of Relief of the City of New York, and the Boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx, dispersed \$1195 on one hundred and fifteen warrants, the expenses amounting to \$875, of which \$297 were for the expenses of the Shelter at 215 West Twenty-first Street.

During its sessions, Grand Lodge welcomed as visitors Past Grand Master RUSHLAND, of Nova Scotia, and a large deputation from New Jersey, headed by Deputy Grand Master WILKINS.

An interesting report was presented from the Brooklyn Masonic Guild, which aims to provide for the education of Masons' children and the relief, support, and care of worthy and indigent Masons and their families. Nearly \$10,000 has been raised already.

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Western Australia was recognized, and membership in the International Bureau of Information at Geneva, Switzerland, declined.

An important movement has been started to provide a sanatorium for consumptives.

The amendment requiring visitors to produce documentary evidence of their good standing was finally adopted, a modification, if "personally known," being made.

We note with pleasure that the name of the widow of a Past Grand Lodge officer, to whom a donation was granted, is, with fitting reserve, suppressed.

A portrait in oil of Honorary Past Grand Master Brother CHARLES W. CUSHMAN was presented by Washington Lodge, No. 240, and an excellent pastel portrait of Grand Secretary EHLERS was presented by various Brethren. Steel-engravings of Brother CUSHMAN and of Grand Master CRANDALL are given at the beginning of the very ponderous volume of Proceedings.

The report on Correspondence is the fifteenth by Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother JESSE B. ANTHONY, Chairman of the Committee, whose reports are well known.

Under Illinois, our Brother says that "it is well known that Masonry in most foreign countries is largely under the domination of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite," and he can "see no objection to the principle that when Grand Orientes of that Rite have the exclusive control of the first three degrees in Masonry they occupy the same position as a Grand Lodge of the York Rite, and that a recognition of them is justifiable."

We should like to be informed how and when the Scottish Rite ever obtained lawfully entire control anywhere of that which is the foundation of all Masonry, and concerning which many writers, to our thinking, deceive themselves by calling it the York Rite.

The fruitful labors of modern Masonic students have let in a flood of light upon many things which were taken as

true because of "vain repetitions," and some, in their devotion to what they are pleased to call the "universality" of Masonry, close their eyes to irregularities and worse. In the world at large a "revolution" is a successful "rebellion," but we do not think that holds in Masonry.

Under the District of Columbia, referring to one of the letters of the Grand Master to our Grand Master as to "residence," he says,—

"We fail to understand how a profane can have a 'Masonic residence' and also a 'legal residence.' We think it is held that persons in the employ of the Government do not lose or gain a residence by reason thereof, and that it is customary for them to go *home* to vote. The place where a person exercises the right of suffrage would appear to us conclusive evidence of a legal and Masonic residence."

Under Kansas, he is in accord with Past Grand Master SHAVER wherein he says,—

"While we do not believe in perpetual jurisdiction, we do believe that Masonic comity requires recognition of this law when claimed by Grand Jurisdictions with which we are in fraternal correspondence."

Three pages are given up to Pennsylvania for 1901, which is well summarized, extracts being made from the addresses of Grand Masters WAGNER and TENNIS. With regard to the remarks of the latter as to those who attend Grand Lodge "without hope of reward or fee," we think Brother ANTHONY's comments are well grounded.

Five lines dispose of our report, which is said to be "an admirable and able review," thanks being conveyed "for words of a strictly personal nature."

Brother EMIL FRANKEL, of the Committee, has prepared the translations of the proceedings of Grand Bodies in non-

English-speaking countries, and Brother ANTHONY has prepared his very interesting tables of statistics, which, with many thanks to that Brother, we copy at the end of our report.

Most Worshipful Brother ELBERT CRANDALL, of Brooklyn, Grand Master, re-elected; Most Worshipful Brother EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, of New York, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

NEW ZEALAND—1903.

THE Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of New Zealand held its Annual Communication in Freemasons' Hall and the Federal Hall, at Auckland, on Tuesday, May 5, A.D. 1903, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother HERBERT JAMES WILLIAMS, Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master was brief, the custom of having a formal address by the Grand Master not having heretofore been observed. This was the first Communication under the newly adopted representative system, and was very successful.

Number of Lodges, 126, a gain of 5; initiated, 666; total membership, 6199, a gain of 507. The receipts were \$15,304; disbursements, \$10,233; balance, \$5071; from the Fund of Benevolence were expended \$698, there being a balance of \$14,571. The Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Fund amounts to over \$5000, and the Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund to over \$6000.

As usual, the business transacted was based upon the report of the Board of General Purposes (practically the Executive Committee of Grand Lodge, which meets frequently during the year). The Board were authorized to recognize Costa Rica, if they were satisfied as to its regularity. There is a prospect that the difference with the Grand Lodge of Scotland may be settled; we very much hope so.

NORTH CAROLINA.

It was definitely settled that only Master Masons shall be entitled to vote in the Lodges.

The installation address of the Grand Master was earnest and excellent. It seems to us that the Board of General Purposes exercise many of the prerogatives which of right belong to the Grand Master. We note with pleasure that the Grand Master "deprecates the use of Masonic clothing outside of the Lodge-room on any occasion other than the laying of foundation-stones."

Most Worshipful Brother HERBERT JAMES WILLIAMS, of Wellington, Grand Master, re-elected; Most Worshipful Brother MALCOLM NICOL, of Wellington, Grand Secretary, continued.

NORTH CAROLINA—1903.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina began its One Hundred and Sixteenth Annual Communication at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Raleigh, on Tuesday, January 13, A.D. 1903, and closed two days later.

Most Worshipful Brother H. I. CLARK, Grand Master.

We were surprised to see that the Proceedings say that this was the one hundred and fifteenth Annual Communication, and on referring to last year's volume we found that that was the one hundred and fifteenth also; on making a closer examination we find that the cover and title page for 1903 give it as the one hundred and sixteenth. As we never had a better half, we put this slip down to matrimony on the part of Grand Secretary DREWRY.

The annual address of the Grand Master is short and practical. He referred in feeling terms to the death of Grand Chaplain MARSHALL, whose portrait forms the frontispiece, and who was the eloquent Grand Orator last year. The project

of a Temple for the Craft in North Carolina received hearty support. This is now about to be realized, and a full account of all the careful steps that have been taken in this direction is given. Raleigh has been selected as the place, and a fine site has been secured, and the outlook for success is bright. A Masonic bazaar is to be held in October, in Raleigh, under the auspices of the Raleigh Lodges, which will doubtless bring in a goodly sum.

The Grand Secretary begins his seventh annual report with a fraternal acknowledgment of the wedding-present of a superb silver service, which Grand Lodge voted should be procured for him and his bride.

Number of Lodges, 329, a gain of five; initiated, 963; total membership, 12,662, a gain of 650. Receipts, including balance, were \$13,571.95; disbursements, \$10,035.08; balance, \$3,536.87.

The Oxford Orphan Asylum, the pride of the Brethren, supported 247 children. The receipts, including \$10,000 from the State, were \$37,282.65; disbursements, \$32,124.82, leaving a balance of \$5157.83.

At one point in the proceedings the Grand Lodge was entertained by remarks from two Brethren "in regard to the many advantages and benefits from holding annual Masonic picnics."

The Grand Orator, Brother M. C. S. NOBLE, delivered an address upon "some of the bed-rock principles of Masonry," which was well received and is printed in full.

An interesting old document, a charter granted in July, 1764 (but by whom not stated), to a Lodge in Pitt County, was presented by Brother F. S. WINSTON.

St. John's Lodge, No. 96, applied for and was granted permission to work under the old charter and number of St. John's Lodge, No. 4, there being precedent for such action.

A number of Special Communications were held, and the same lack of uniformity in the opening of Grand Lodge continues; for one who was not even a Grand Officer opened

Grand Lodge in *ample* form, if the proceedings are correctly printed. The most important Special was that at Oxford, on St. John the Baptist's Day, when the Temple matter was considered; and then, in the Chapel of the Orphan Asylum, after some interesting exercises, in which the children participated, an eloquent oration was delivered by the Honorable MATTHEW W. RANSOM, and the thanks of the Grand Lodge were returned to that gentleman in glowing terms.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by the Chairman, Brother Dr. JOHN A. COLLINS, who gives his Brethren an interesting report made up chiefly of well-selected extracts. Our Brother rarely gives his own views at any length. He wisely is against hasty recognition of Grand Lodges, and is of our opinion in the following, under South Carolina:

“We are willing to endorse the statement that the average preacher is a good and useful man and inadequately paid, but we have never thought that a premium or a chromo should be offered to any individual or class as a reward for uniting with the Fraternity. So far as the ability of the clergy of all denominations to pay fees and dues is concerned, in our opinion they are as well able to pay as the average contributing Mason.”

Nearly four pages are given to Pennsylvania for 1901, three extracts being made from Grand Master TENNIS's “interesting” address.

Our report is “an interesting and instructive review.”

Referring to some remarks of ours as to the Brethren of North Carolina not being “slow,” but “deliberate,” and mentioning the continued inclusion among Grand Representatives of our deceased Past Grand Master NISBET, Brother COLLINS says,—

“Unfortunately, this arraignment is all too true and, notwithstanding our expressed hope that the errors referred to

would be corrected, they stand unchanged in the transactions of 1902."

He will truthfully be able to say, "*and they stand unchanged in the transactions of 1903.*" Our hope for first names in place of initials has not been gratified, so we can not say whether the Grand Master is Harold, Henry, Hiram, Horace, or Hugh.

Most Worshipful Brother H. I. CLARK, of Scotland Neck, Grand Master, re-elected; Right Worshipful Brother JOHN C. DREWRY, of Raleigh, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

NORTH DAKOTA—1903.

THE Grand Lodge A. . . F. . . and A. . . M. . . of the State of North Dakota began its Fourteenth Annual Communication in the Auditorium of the Masonic Temple, in the City of Fargo, on Tuesday, June 23, A.D. 1903, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother WALTER L. STOCKWELL, Grand Master.

From the address of the Grand Master, we conclude he has been an energetic, efficient, and practical officer. We note he used the word "Order" almost exclusively; indeed, the word "Fraternity" scarcely appears in these Proceedings. Under the heading of "Courtesies," Brother STOCKWELL says,—

"Early in October I received an invitation from the M. . . W. . . Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to be present at the sesqui-centennial of the initiation of Brother George Washington into the Fraternity. The invitation itself was a work of art, and the occasion was one of those rare opportunities which come only once in one's life. The date was set for No-

vember 5th, and, unfortunately, my presence in the state at that time, and the days which immediately preceded it, seemed imperative, and I was forced to send my regrets. In doing so I took occasion to thank the Grand Lodge for the courtesy extended, and expressed the hope that the fraternal good will which has always existed between the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania and North Dakota might long continue. The occasion was, without question, the greatest Masonic event ever held on this continent.

“Among the brethren present were Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States; Governor Stone and Governor-elect Pennypacker, of Pennsylvania, John Wanamaker and Charles Emory Smith, former cabinet officers, and many men distinguished in every walk of life. President Roosevelt upon this occasion delivered an address which every Mason ought to read. Its subject was ‘Freemasonry and Citizenship.’ I quote just a sentence or two: ‘Masonry should make and must make each man who conscientiously and understandingly takes its obligations a fine type of American citizenship, because Masonry teaches him his obligations to his fellows in a practical fashion. Masonry teaches and fosters in the man the qualities of self-help and self-respect, the qualities that make a man fit to stand by himself, yet it must foster in him a genuine feeling for the rights of others and for the feelings of others, and Masons help one another in a way that is free from the curse of help, patronizing condescension.’

“And it has occurred to me that an order which could claim among its members George Washington, the Father of our Country; Benjamin Franklin, P. . . G. . . M. . . of Pennsylvania; Gen. Joseph Warren, P. . . G. . . M. . . of Massachusetts, who gave his life at Bunker Hill; John Marshall, the great Chief Justice, P. . . G. . . M. . . of Virginia; James A. Garfield, William McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt must always stand for the highest type of American citizenship.

“Since the anniversary I have received a medal struck off

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for the occasion and also the memorial volume, containing a full account of this celebration. These I prize very highly."

Number of Lodges, 67, a gain of one; raised, 469; total membership, 4397, a gain of 147. Receipts, including balance, were \$10,707.83; disbursements, \$3843.45; balance, \$6864.38. In closing his eleventh annual report, Grand Secretary THOMPSON notes the growth during his term of service in Lodges, from 35 to 67; in numbers, from 1732 to 4397.

One hundred dollars were voted for the "Temple of Fraternity" at the St. Louis Exposition; the "Juvenile Ritual," the work of Grand Secretary THOMPSON, was approved, and regret was expressed that "so little opportunity is afforded" in North Dakota "for the new order;" and in our opinion there is no room in any Jurisdiction. Boys should be boys: men should be men.

The national flag must be displayed at all sessions of the Grand Lodge and the Subordinate Lodges, which we think unnecessary, and carried at the head of all Masonic processions, "when such would be appropriate." Hereafter there is to be a Grand Orator.

The Report on Correspondence is again by Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother ROBERT M. CAROTHERS, and consists of brief glances at the salient points in the Proceedings reviewed, the reports on Correspondence rarely being considered, and special attention being paid to matters of jurisprudence.

Our Brother promises that when he gets "the hang of the thing" "more gas will be ejected, and you may have no reason to complain of condensation." Our hope and our belief, judging from our Brother's work, is that the gas ejected will be of the *illuminating* kind. Brother CAROTHERS thinks the prerogative of making a Mason at sight should be left in a position of "harmless disuse." We certainly think it rarely should be exercised.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The review of Pennsylvania for 1902 begins, "In no Jurisdiction has the past year been more to be remembered than in Pennsylvania. Perhaps no recent Masonic event has attracted more attention than the celebration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the initiation of George Washington."

An extract from Grand Master TENNIS's annual address, describing the celebration, is then given. In speaking of our report, Brother CAROTHERS, who is a native of Pennsylvania, regrets that our Proceedings were overlooked last year, and promises that in the future they shall come in for their share of notice.

Most Worshipful Brother JAMES T. BLACKLOCK, of Wallahalla, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother FRANK J. THOMPSON, of Fargo, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

NOVA SCOTIA—1902.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia began its Thirty-seventh Annual Communication in Freemasons' Hall, Truro, on Wednesday, June 11, A.D. 1902, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother THOMAS TRENAMAN, Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge went in procession to the First Presbyterian Church, where an eloquent and instructive sermon was preached by Right Worshipful Brother Reverend GEORGE A. LECK, Grand Chaplain, and a copy is printed in the Proceedings.

The address of the Grand Master is a business-like paper. Among the dispensations granted was one "to hold a Masonic picnic and wear regalia on St. John's day." Any proper connection between a "picnic," Masonic or otherwise, and Masonic "regalia," we are at a loss to perceive.

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In Nova Scotia, there is one Lodge which holds under the Grand Lodge of England, Royal Standard Lodge, at Halifax, a purely military and naval Lodge, made up entirely of non-commissioned officers of His Majesty's Services and of Brethren who leave the Services while still in membership. The best of relations exist with the Nova Scotia Brethren.

Number of Lodges, 63; initiated, 289; total membership, 3720, a gain of 146. Receipts, including balance, were \$7192.21; disbursements, \$5931.66, including \$1500 on mortgages; balance, \$1260.55.

The Grand Treasurer, Right Worshipful Brother JAMES DEMPSTER, has completed twenty-one years of service, and his record is an interesting one.

Egypt was recognized. A loyal address to KING EDWARD VII. on his coronation was adopted. A banquet was given to Grand Lodge by Truro Lodge.

In Grand Secretary MOWBRAY's list of Grand Lodges and Addresses of Grand Officers, the name of our Grand Master is given incorrectly.

The portrait of the retiring Grand Master forms the frontispiece.

The report of Foreign Correspondence is by the Committee: Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother THOMAS B. FLINT, Chairman, who prepared twenty-four reviews, Right Worshipful Brother the Honorable WILLIAM ROSS, who prepared thirteen, and Right Worshipful Grand Secretary Brother THOMAS MOWBRAY, who prepared twenty-one. They have done their work well. Owing to his recent promotion to the honorable and responsible position of first Clerk to the House of Commons at Ottawa, we are likely to lose the services of Brother FLINT on this important Committee.

We learn from Brother MOWBRAY that the Grand Lecturer has no duties whatever, which is strange.

Nearly five pages are given by Brother MOWBRAY to Pennsylvania for 1901. Grand Master WAGNER's address is

spoken of as a “splendid one, replete with valuable information.” Our Brother sees an inconsistency, from his “point of view,” in the refusal of a dispensation to hold a special election for Worshipful Master and Senior Warden, and the granting of one to hold a special election for Junior Warden. We may inform our Brother that, in this Jurisdiction, it is the duty of the Junior Warden to discharge the duties of the Worshipful Master in the absence of that Brother and of the Senior Warden; so that, there being a Brother whose duty it was to act, a special election was unnecessary; but there being no one whose duty it was to perform the duties of the Junior Warden, an election was rightly allowed.

Grand Master TENNIS’s inaugural was “a most excellent address.” Brother MOWBRAY thinks modesty should have prevented Brother TENNIS from asserting his belief that the Craft in Pennsylvania have more faithfully preserved the features of Ancient Masonry as to ceremony, government, and discipline than any other Jurisdiction. That is a matter of opinion; we may add that this address was delivered to the Brethren of *Pennsylvania*.

A few lines are given to our report, which is kindly said to be “a valuable acquisition to Masonic literature.”

Most Worshipful Brother LUTHER B. ARCHIBALD, of Truro, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother THOMAS MOWBRAY, of Halifax, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

OHIO—1902-1903.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Ohio began its Ninety-third Annual Grand Communication in the Auditorium of the Board of Trade, in Columbus, on Wednesday, October 22, A.D. 1902, and closed the following day.

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Most Worshipful Brother IKE M. ROBINSON, Grand Master.

After the opening of Grand Lodge, His Excellency Governor GEORGE K. NASH was introduced, and made an eloquent address of welcome to the city of Columbus, on behalf of its citizens and its Masonic Fraternity. We presume that he is a member of the Craft, but it is not stated.

The Grand Master, whose portrait forms the frontispiece, before giving a detailed statement of his official acts and duties discharged, has something to say about faith and charity, which, barring mixed metaphors, is eloquent, though what "concealed in correspondential semblances" may mean is more than we can now say.

He reported the death of Right Worshipful Brother JOHN DAY CALDWELL, who was Grand Secretary of Ohio from 1852 to 1887, and Emeritus Grand Secretary from 1888 till his death. It is, as was stated, a remarkable fact that for nine consecutive years he was Grand Secretary of six Grand Masonic Bodies at one time. We are glad to have this Brother's portrait.

Number of Lodges, 498, a loss of one; raised, 4025, a gain of 3025. Receipts, including balance, were \$78,621.13; disbursements, \$40,893.66; balance, \$37,727.47.

A Past Grand Master's jewel was ordered for the retiring Grand Master. Five thousand dollars were voted to general expenses, and \$5000, to the endowment fund of the Masonic Home; this institution cared for 57 Brethren, 31 women, 24 boys, and 24 girls, at a cost of \$26,800.46.

A number of Brethren, who are described by titles that certainly do not belong to a Masonic Grand Lodge, were welcomed.

Thirteen out of the fifteen living Past Grand Masters were present, and sympathetic messages were sent to the two absentees, Most Worshipful Brothers CHARLES A. WOODWARD and S. STACKER WILLIAMS, who were detained by illness; and a similar message, for the same reason, was sent to the

Junior Grand Deacon, who was elected Junior Grand Warden. As we see that a Junior Grand Warden was present, doubtless Brother SCHAUS was Senior Grand Deacon.

William McKinley Lodge, at Canton, has received \$2621.30 from Lodges outside of Ohio, for the proposed memorial to our late President.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported against a resolution requiring visitors to present a receipt for payment of dues for the year last past, or a dimit issued within twelve months preceding the visitation.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by the Chairman, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother WILLIAM M. CUNNINGHAM, which is worthy of this Brother's reputation. In his introduction, he gives us a very interesting paper on the Landmarks of Freemasonry, which we commend to the Brethren. He quotes from such well known Masonic writers as Brothers JOHN W. SIMONS, ALBERT G. MACKEY, ROBERT MORRIS, CHARLES SCOTT, GEORGE OLIVER, ALBERT PIKE, JOHN Q. A. FELLOWS, and our own RICHARD VAUX.

From his experience in Ohio, our Brother thinks some documentary evidence of the standing of visitors is a *necessity*.

Under Illionis, the following will be of interest:

"In his special Report on the recognition of the foreign Bodies named therein, Bro. Robbins pays a deserved tribute to the paper on German Freemasonry, by Bro. Gotthelf Greiner, Assistant Grand Secretary, German Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of England, of which he says:

" 'An indispensable step towards any fair working understanding of the tangled condition of German Freemasonry is some familiarity with a paper on that topic by Bro. Gotthelf Greiner, published in the transactions of the *Lodge Quatuor Coronati*, of London, conceded by the most erudite Masonic scholars to be unequalled as a compendium of existing Masonic affairs in Germany.'

“Your Committee fully concurs with M. . . W. . . Bro. Robbins in disapproving any official recognition of the Grand Lodge League of Germany—the Diet of the United German Grand Lodges—as such Sovereign Grand Body, or of its eight constituent Grand Bodies separately, for reasons hitherto stated by the writer in his Reports to this M. . . W. . . Grand Lodge; viz., the eight Grand Bodies forming the League having surrendered their sovereignty as independent Grand Bodies, when voluntarily placed by themselves under its control, are therefore not such Sovereign Masonic Bodies as are recognizable by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, or by any other Sovereign and Independent Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge League, or Diet of United German Grand Lodges, having ignored the unfraternal action of two of its constituent Grand Lodges, invading the Jurisdiction of Grand Lodges in the United States, and of the action of perhaps more than the number named, in recognizing the so-called Colored Grand Lodges in the United States, is a sufficient reason for non-recognition; but in addition thereto the Grand Lodge League does not express any disapproval—so far as known to the writer—of the interchange of Fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France, interdicted on account of its atheism by every Grand Lodge in the United States, and all other English-speaking Grand Lodges.”

Under South Dakota, Brother CUNNINGHAM well says,—

“In regard to the possession of autonomic features by Subordinate Lodges, your Committee would certainly dissent, and, as shown in a discussion in 1891 and 1892 upon this subject in the Report of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence, the term “constituent,” as applied to a Subordinate Lodge, is not only unwarranted by any concessions in its constitution by the Grand Lodge to which it owes its existence, but is misleading in many other respects, and has repeatedly caused rebellion and disregard of constituted authority by

Subordinate Lodges, under a *plea* of *constituent* rights; as in Ohio, when the pretense was made that a Lodge had a right to withdraw its fealty from the Grand Lodge in the interest of Cerneauism; and in Connecticut, wherein a Subordinate Lodge refused to obey the mandates of the Grand Lodge on its plea of constituent or inherent rights; and other instances that might be mentioned in this connection.

“ A Lodge is not a self-constituted Body, but is dependent for its existence primarily and continuously upon the Grand Lodge by which it was created, and to which it owes its sole allegiance.”

Six pages sum up the doings of Pennsylvania for 1901. Grand Master WAGNER's address is “ a very complete record of official visitations and duties discharged by this Grand Officer in a very busy official year.” Grand Master TENNIS's inaugural is “ an interesting expression of his views concerning Freemasonry, its antiquity, history—ancient and local—and duties.”

Referring to Brother TENNIS's remark about our having preserved more faithfully the features of Ancient Masonry than other Jurisdictions, Brother CUNNINGHAM says,—

“ As but few, if any of the other Grand Lodges in the World now adhere strictly to the ‘ Dermott’ work observed in Pennsylvania, from a standpoint in that particular of adherence to the pre-Union Ritual and ceremonies observed by *that* one of the Grand Lodges of England *before the Union*, the position *may* be, in some degree at least, tenable, but, as perhaps with but one other exception, the Grand Lodges of the United States have all derived their work from the Webb-Preston Versions, any comparison in that connection is not pertinent.”

Our work receives full notice, our Brother saying, in part,—

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“Throughout his report his scholarly discussion of the early history of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania and Massachusetts is of much interest, and is, with his discussion of the different editions of Anderson’s Constitutions, approved by the Grand Lodge of England—a fraternal presentation of matters of history of much value to Masonic students.”

In one place our Brother did not notice the quotation marks, and attributes to us some interesting statements which we quoted from Brother BELLINGER, of South Carolina.

We appreciate our Brother’s kind words as to our work.

Most Worshipful Brother WILLIAM A. BELT, of Kenton, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother JACOB H. BROMWELL, of Cincinnati, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

THE Ninety-fourth Annual Grand Communication began at the Victoria Theatre, in Dayton, on Wednesday, October 28, 1903, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful WILLIAM A. BELT, Grand Master.

The annual address of the Grand Master, whose portrait forms the frontispiece, is a well-prepared paper which will interest our Brethren; it shows a year full of well-performed work. He finds that the attraction in Masonry is that it “contains that within itself which man needs.”

We notice with regret that a Special Session of the Grand Lodge, for the purpose of laying a corner-stone, was held on a Sunday.

Number of Lodges, 498; raised, 4444; total membership, 55,065, a gain of 3691. Receipts, including balance, were \$82,521.77; disbursements, \$40,536.83; balance, \$41,984.94.

Grand Secretary BROMWELL, summing up his fifteen years of service, shows an increase of Lodges of 13; an increase in numbers of 20,881; average gain each year, 1392; increase in total number of names, 24,196; increase in annual income, \$27,669.22, a record to be proud of.

Telegraphic greetings were exchanged with Wisconsin.

A Past Grand Master's jewel was ordered to be procured for the retiring Grand Master; and, as Past Grand Master LEMMON had had his jewel stolen from him, another was ordered for him, in token of appreciation of a quarter of a century's service as Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The Grand Lodge Alpina of Switzerland was ordered to be notified that if it continues its affiliation with the Grand Orient of France, and its fraternization with certain clandestine and irregular bodies named, the Grand Lodge of Ohio will withdraw its recognition from the Grand Lodge Alpina.

The recognition of Costa Rica, Valle de Mexico, and Ignacio Ramirez, of Mexico, was deferred.

We wish very much that Grand Secretary BROMWELL could be persuaded to give the first names of the officers of the Grand Lodge. We do not suppose an applicant for admission would be permitted to give his initials; the full name is required to identify him; why should not officers of the Grand Lodge be identified in the same way?

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by the Chairman, Past Grand Master CUNNINGHAM, who is a stanch supporter of his Grand Lodge, and has felt it necessary to write quite plainly because his Grand Lodge has been again, "unjustly and without warrant therefor, assailed for its necessary action against Cerneauism and its clandestine progeny—with covert imputations of its having thereby been the cause of the irruption of clandestinism through an entangling alliance with so called 'High Rite Bodies.' "

Following up his remarks about the Landmarks in the introduction of the preceding report, this time our Brother gives an interesting letter from our friend and Brother, WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN, and extracts from a paper by Brother WILLIAM E. GINTHER, Deputy Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, upon the subject of the Landmarks, which will be of interest.

Under the heading of "The Universality of Masonry," our Brother says, in part,—

"Whilst it is a matter of the greatest satisfaction to all Lodges in the United States and British America that, with perhaps but one exception, their organization, and also that of many Lodges and Grand Lodges in other countries, can generally be directly traced to the Grand Lodge of England, formed by the four old London Lodges, yet it must be borne in mind that there were a number of other regular Lodges in England, Ireland, and Scotland that did not come into that Grand Lodge Organization, and had no part therein. These Lodges had their General Assemblies, and some of them claimed rights, privileges, and prerogatives now only ascribed to Grand Lodges, and so even in name, as the Grand Lodge of York in England, the existence of which has been traced back to 1370. Kilwinning, in Scotland, also was long an independent Body. *Many Lodges in America, and Lodges and Provincial Grand Lodges in other countries, owe their origin directly to the independent Lodges of Scotland and Ireland, and to the Grand Lodge of each when subsequently organized.*

"The variant Organization of Freemasonry in all other countries is but a proof of its universality, and it is a very bigoted, narrow-minded theory that would characterize as illegitimate all those Bodies of Masons, Grand and Subordinate, that are known to be in possession of its mysteries, and honestly and earnestly practice its precepts and teachings, because their Grand Bodies may be termed Grand Orients or Supreme Councils, or that may not be able to trace their origin back to the four old London Lodges, as has been advocated in one or more Grand Jurisdictions in the United States."

We wish very much that we could have the full truth of the words in italics demonstrated.

Contradicting Brother BELDEN, of Arizona, our Brother

thinks that very few of the Grand Bodies on the continent of Europe are "either Atheistical or political," and, in another place, is strong in his support of an independent Grand Body in France, "the Supreme Council of France," which our Brother maintains is undoubtedly regular.

We quote our Brother, under Kansas:

"Under the head of Pennsylvania he [Brother SHAVER] justly expresses the opinion that non-recognition as such of one who has been made a Mason outside of the Jurisdiction in which he has his legal residence, and without its sanction or authority, is the correct method of treatment. The writer, however, would add the words 'until properly healed.' "

The following under Illinois is of interest:

"It is true that the Grand Lodge of England *does* recognize a number of the Grand Bodies designated by M. . W. . Bro. Robbins as unrecognizable in his narrowed list. In this connection, in the opinion of your Committee, as there can be no genuine Masonry without DEITY; therefore *any* Grand Body that eliminates the belief in Deity from its ceremonies and requirements, or the recognition of the S. . G. . A. . O. . T. . U. . in its Constitutions, is thereby absolutely *without* the pale of Freemasonry, and *unrecognizable*; and all Grand Bodies that accord official recognition to such should themselves be deemed unrecognizable. The Autonomy, Sovereignty, and Supremacy of the Grand Body claiming control over the grades of Symbolic Masonry is an additional prerequisite necessary to official and fraternal recognition."

While himself in no sense an advocate of or a believer in cipher Rituals, Brother CUNNINGHAM thinks the discussion should "receive fair and fraternal consideration, without sophistries or mere sentimental 'goody good' veneering."

Pennsylvania for 1902 receives six pages of review, the

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chief points in our proceedings being noted. He thinks our Washington celebration was "one of the most memorable assemblages of distinguished Brethren ever held by that venerable Grand Lodge."

We regret that the invitation sent to our Brother at Newark did not reach him; and are glad that the Memorial Volume, sent to the same place, did reach its destination, which is evident from the following:

"The Proceedings were varied and of much interest, and with the addresses, portraits, and many other fine illustrations form a very handsome large octavo volume of three hundred and eighty-two pages 'in the best style of the printer's art.'

"The writer begs to acknowledge the receipt of a handsomely bound copy of the Memorial Volume, on the inside of the cover of which a handsomely engraved card reads:

*"Brother W. M. Cunningham, P. G. M.
Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence of the
Grand Lodge of Ohio,
with the fraternal compliments of the
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania F. & A. M.
Edgar A. Tennis, Grand Master."*

"The writer especially appreciates the compliment, as will, doubtless, all other members of the Guild who have been similarly honored."

The annual address of Grand Master TENNIS is "a very able Masonic paper," and it is reviewed very favorably, while our work receives commendation, "being an able and courteous résumé;" and "the conservative views" of this writer are "forcibly expressed;" and we are gratified to have Brother CUNNINGHAM say that it is a pleasure to note that the opinions of his Committee are very generally in accord with the thoughtful expressions of our Committee.

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Our views on a number of subjects are well summarized, and our Brother expresses his appreciation of some things we felt impelled to write about this able Brother and Masonic writer.

Most Worshipful ORRA P. SPERRA, of Ravenna, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother JACOB H. BROMWELL, of Cincinnati, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

OKLAHOMA—1903.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Oklahoma began its Eleventh Annual Communication in the Hall of the Masonic Temple of the Oklahoma Consistory, in the City of Guthrie, on Tuesday, February 10, A.D. 1903, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother MORTIMER F. STILLWELL, Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master, whose portrait forms the frontispiece, is a somewhat long and rather suggestive paper, showing an earnest and faithful administration.

Referring to the invitation to our Washington celebration, the Grand Master said,—

“ Had it been possible for me to do so, nothing would have given me more pleasure than to have been present on this occasion as your representative to witness these ceremonies.

“ Not until I read an account of this remarkable celebration and read the addresses made on this occasion by such distinguished Masons as our President, Brother Theodore Roosevelt, Brother Chas. Emory Smith, Rt. Rev. Brother Henry C. Potter, Bishop of New York, Edgar A. Tennis, Grand Master of Pennsylvania, Chas. T. Gallagher, Grand Master of Massachusetts and others, did I realize that I had missed

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an opportunity of a life time, but circumstances over which I had no control rendered it impossible for me to accept the invitation."

He also appreciates the reports on Correspondence of the different Jurisdictions, saying,—

"I can conceive of nothing that would be of greater value to the craft of Oklahoma, from every spiritual and material consideration, than to have placed in the hands of every Mason in the Territory a volume containing judiciously selected extracts from our own correspondence reports and those of our sister jurisdictions."

The Deputy Grand Master of Kansas, Right Worshipful Brother BESTOR G. BROWN, was a welcome visitor.

Number of Lodges, 92, an increase of 13; initiated, 604; total membership, 4148, a gain of 857, not 957 as stated. Receipts, including balance, were \$6916.55; disbursements, \$3601.35; balance, \$3315.20. The Masonic Home Fund has increased to \$3878.33.

The recommendation that Grand Lodge take up an abiding-place did not meet with favor. An edifying and instructive oration was delivered by the Grand Orator, Brother HARPER S. CUNNINGHAM, but as it treated of esoteric matters, it is not printed.

We are glad to note that the Brethren showed their appreciation of their excellent Grand Secretary by raising his compensation.

Four Special Communications were held, one being for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the new State Capitol building at Guthrie.

We should like to ask Brother HUNT to print the first names of the officers of his Grand Lodge next year.

Last year's Proceedings brought us no report on Correspondence; this year we are favored, and we use the word

advisedly, with a very interesting report by Right Worshipful Brother JAMES S. HUNT, the Chairman of the Committee and the efficient Grand Secretary.

Our Brother believes that "Masonic emblems are alone fitting in a Masonic Lodge," and we heartily agree. Under Texas, Brother HUNT says,—

"We note with pleasure the objection to the Kansas rule requiring the United States flag to be made a part of the profound symbolism of Freemasonry. We had not observed, when, in a prior review, we suggested that the next step would be the carrying of the flag in solemn Masonic processions, that Iowa had already passed a resolution to this effect. The only Masonic flag we ever saw was in the Masonic Temple at Philadelphia. It was a large red flag with white square and compass in the center, and was the signal which the gallant Greely flung to the breeze of the icy desolations of the Arctic regions—a flag of distress! Let us now go on and have martial music, giant crackers, roman candles, oil cloth capes and smoking torches!"

He agrees with us that an Entered Apprentice "is entitled to certain Masonic rights."

Apropos of the information given by Grand Secretary BARLOW, that BENEDICT ARNOLD was a Mason, Brother HUNT says that this fact "does not militate against Masonry as an order. Satan once belonged to the Order of Angels of Light, but fell, 'never to hope again.'"

Under the District of Columbia, referring to the discussion between the Grand Masters of that Jurisdiction and ours as to residence, Brother HUNT says, "We cannot help thinking, however, that Grand Master WAGNER had the force of law and logic upon his side."

Our Brother, under Indiana, successfully, as it seems to us, maintains his contention with Brother McDONALD as to

the Secretary being the agent of the Lodge, and that a motion to refer a petition to a committee is unnecessary.

Brother HUNT also thinks with us that a Brother is *free* to choose the Lodge to which he will belong, subject, of course, to election by that Lodge.

We do not agree with our good Brother with regard to the incorporation of Grand Lodges, which he seems to favor.

Pennsylvania for 1901 receives our Brother's consideration. By a slip of the pen, it is stated that we resumed fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Oregon. Well, Washington is next door to Oregon. The address of Grand Master WAGNER receives commendation, and of his decisions Brother HUNT says,—

“Some few of them are not in accord with our laws, yet we must admit that the unchanging authority of the Ahiman Rezon by which these decisions are governed, gives them a stable and standard value that might be profitably adopted by some other Grand Lodges, Oklahoma included.”

It is only fair that we should state that in this Jurisdiction the power to grant dispensations to pass, and to pass and raise Brethren to the degree of Master Mason, is intrusted to the District Deputy Grand Masters. Of Grand Master TENNIS's inaugural, our Brother says that he “has seldom, if ever, read a more able and practical address. It gives a clearer insight into that conservative, stable, and, we may add, wonderful jurisdiction. We wish it might be read by every Mason in the land.”

Our report receives approval, and of this writer Brother HUNT is so kind as to say that he “commends frankly, criticises freely, and in a spirit of fraternal courtesy writes such a report as we would expect from the great jurisdiction of Pennsylvania.”

Most Worshipful Brother S. P. LARSH, of Tecumseh, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother JAMES S. HUNT, of Stillwater, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

OREGON—1903.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon began its Fifty-third Annual Communication in Masonic Temple, in the City of Portland, on Wednesday, June 3, A.D. 1903, and closed two days later.

Most Worshipful Brother WILLIAM F. BUTCHER, Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master, whose portrait forms the frontispiece, is a very full and detailed account of his doings, showing him a faithful and practical officer.

He announced the death of the Grand Treasurer, Right Worshipful Brother FRANCIS H. ALLISTON, and fitting action was taken by Grand Lodge. It seems a pity that in a *Masonic* publication he should be pictured for us in the fez of a "Shriner."

Among the decisions the Grand Master was called upon to make, was one that a "Masonic Lodge could meet and do work in a room in a hall which stands north and south." The inquirer seemed not to know that as, where Macgregor sits is the head of the table, so where the Master sits is the East.

The Grand Master reported at length a case where a well-known resident of Oregon had been made a Mason in Georgia while there on a long visit, though less than a year, stating that he had issued an edict notifying the Lodges of the Jurisdiction not to recognize as a Mason or hold Masonic intercourse with the party. He said,—

"I did not take these steps in the issuance of this edict without precedent. On page 94 of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for the year 1901 will be found an exactly parallel case with this, in which the Grand Master of Pennsylvania took exactly the same course. Pennsylvania is the oldest Grand Jurisdiction in the United States and is recognized as the best authority upon Masonic law."

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The action of the Grand Master was fully ratified by the Grand Lodge.

Referring to the invitation he received to our Washington Sesqui-centennial Celebration, the Grand Master said,—

“Notwithstanding the fact that I was in Washington, D. C., on the night before, pressing engagements in Oregon prevented my attendance. But I desire to thank R. · W. · Grand Master Edgar A. Tennis and, through him, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, for this courtesy, which I appreciate very much. I have received from the different committees and persons in charge of these matters, souvenirs of the centennial as well as a report and history of the whole proceedings, each of which, in its own line is perfect in its design and most appropriate for the purpose thereof.”

The Grand Master of Kansas, Most Worshipful Brother BESTOR G. BROWN, was a welcome visitor.

Number of Lodges not stated, about 101; initiated, 476; total membership, 6405, a gain of 370. Receipts, including balance, were \$19,086.74; disbursements, \$5610.17; balance, \$13,476.57.

Pennsylvania is still put down as having a Grand Representative present, as we noted last year. Well, it does no harm to print the dear Brother's name.

Greetings were exchanged with the Grand Lodge of Washington.

The able address of the Grand Orator, Brother E. L. SMITH, is given in full. We see that the burial-service has been so altered as to serve when the body of a Brother is cremated.

The Educational Fund owns eight hundred and ninety-six shares of the Masonic Building Association, which pays dividends at the rate of eight per cent., and has \$31,416.90 in cash besides.

A committee of Past Grand Masters was appointed to call

upon the aged Past Grand Treasurer, Right Worshipful Brother DAN McKERCHER, and bear the greetings of the Grand Lodge, for which that Brother sent his thanks; an appropriation of one hundred dollars was made for his relief.

We are very much in hopes that Grand Secretary ROBINSON will print the first names of the officers of the Grand Lodge; initials are not informing; we should have the names.

The report of Foreign Correspondence is by the Committee, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother JOHN M. HODSON, who gives us another good report.

Our Brother never could guess at a reason why Massachusetts does not have a report, "unless it is because it's 'Hinglish, don'tch-yer know;'" he agrees with us that a petitioner can sign an application for an initiation before he is twenty-one, for, not being initiated until he is twenty-one, his act then would be reaffirmed, upon the principle that an act of an infant, if reaffirmed after becoming of age, is binding.

He thinks it a mistake to receive a petition from one who is a Roman Catholic, and says that there are Yale men and Yale men, some being "chumps;" is a great one to see "sly digs;" and succeeds admirably in his endeavor to "give the news, cull from the mass the best thoughts, endorse the higher ideals and combat as best he can all the error, no matter how high the source from whence it sprung."

Under British Columbia, he says,—

"Under Arizona he [Brother DEWOLF SMITH] asks some questions intended to puzzle somebody:

" ' If, as Brother Belden says, a Grand Lodge "is supreme as to the status of its own members, but cannot affect the status of a member of another Grand Lodge," what about the *status* of those brethren who have been raised in Indiana and other states, but who have been "edicted out of the Fraternity" by the Grand Master of Pennsylvania? And what

about the brother from Texas who was expelled by a Lodge in Mississippi ?

“ Oregon is in fraternal relations with both Indiana and Pennsylvania, but if a brother comes here from Indiana, with his Indiana endorsement, we have no right to go behind the certificate he brings to ask what Pennsylvania would do with him were he to go there. The opinion that Pennsylvania may hold of the regularity of his making is not taken into consideration ; but if the brother made in Indiana removes to Pennsylvania and is expelled from Masonry by a Pennsylvania Lodge having jurisdiction, or by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, then we are bound to take notice of the Pennsylvania action, just the same as we would give heed to the act of a British Columbia Lodge if one of our members were to go there and behave so badly that some Lodge, in order to protect the good name of Masonry, found it necessary to expel him. That would fix him plenty, so far as his rights in this state would go. We do not remember the facts as regards the Texas-Mississippi case.”

Pennsylvania for 1902 is well reviewed. Our Brother referred to the Washington Celebration, and said that the complete proceedings were not printed in the regular Proceedings, “ but in a souvenir which we have not been fortunate enough to obtain.” It was our pleasure to suggest that a copy of our Memorial Volume should be sent to the Chairmen of the Committees on Correspondence as well as to the Grand Masters and Libraries of Sister Grand Lodges, and our receipt shows that Brother Hodson’s copy was received by him a few days after the close of their Annual Communication.

Grand Master TENNIS’s sentiments on qualification receive his strongest endorsement, the address being “ an interesting and instructive paper.” He thinks, rightly, in our opinion, that we have “ the finest Masonic building in the world,” and that “ others have done well, but Pennsylvania

is close to the right of the line." The dispensations to "continue meeting after the midnight hour" made Brother HODSON smile: "Just think of it—a Pennsylvania Mason can't be out after midnight without a dispensation." For our Brother's benefit we quote the words of one of Grand Master TENNIS's predecessors:

"It is not meet or right that the Craft should be kept together until the night is far advanced, and then be dismissed belated to their homes. Let special meetings be held more frequently and the Lodges closed in due season, and better and truer work will be done, hostile criticism avoided, and the just complaints of those who have been deprived of the companionship of husbands and brothers will be no more heard."

Our Brother is very kind in his consideration of our report, from which he makes a number of extracts; and, for our Brother's information, we may say that the commissions of our Representatives near other Grand Masters were recalled in January of 1893 by Grand Master ARNOLD. Our Brother's "sense of justice" conflicts with the Ancient Charges, and they, it would seem, must give way.

In a sentence in which something is missing to complete an incomplete clause (this is not a "sly dig"), Brother HODSON tells us that, on the ground that the Grand Lodge of England has always conferred "honorary titles," he thinks there is no "room for criticism" if a Grand Lodge (in this country, as we understand) sees fit to take such action, especially "where Grand Masters are elected and re-elected from year to year for a quarter of a century at a clip."

Our Brother's facts are not exact. In the Grand Lodge of England there are nominally two elective officers, the Grand Master and the Grand Treasurer, and practically but one, the latter; hence the necessity of their plan; in this country, with the exception of Maryland, we do not think that there

are more than one or two Grand Lodges that give their Grand Masters as many as three or four years of service. Such being the case, we think to give honorary rank is unfair and unjust to those who by service have gained their rank.

We strongly dissent from the italicized portion of the following remark of our Brother, who thinks that “the points involved and the findings *sufficient to identify everything and every body by the Brethren* should be printed.” We cannot see that any good is gained by telling of the wrongdoing of our Brethren.

Most Worshipful Brother SILAS M. YORAN, of Eugene, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother JAMES F. ROBINSON, of Eugene, Grand Secretary, re-elected, though his name does not appear among “Grand Officers for 1903–1904,” in the forefront of the Proceedings.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—1903.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Honorable Fraternity of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Prince Edward Island held its Twenty-eighth Annual Communication in Masonic Hall, in the City of Charlottetown, on Wednesday, June 24, A.D. 1903.

Most Worshipful Brother WILLIAM ROBERT ELLIS, Grand Master.

In his address, before giving an account of his doings, the Grand Master referred to the past year as “a very eventful one for the Empire to which we belong,” on account of the close of the war in South Africa and the coronation of KING EDWARD VII., “who still maintains his connection with our Institution and his interest in the Craft,” by remaining the Patron of the Grand Lodge of England.

He referred to the receipt of a copy of the Memorial Volume of our Washington Celebration, and the Committee on

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the address regretted, as did we, that he was unable to be with us.

Number of Lodges, including one under dispensation, 14, a gain of one; initiated, 55; total membership, 607, a gain of 32. Receipts, including balance, were \$695.79; disbursements, \$271.23; balance, \$424.56.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals reported against granting the request of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia to waive jurisdiction in the case of one who had failed to state that he had been rejected by a Lodge on Prince Edward Island, but we do not find that any action was taken.

No report on Foreign Correspondence.

Most Worshipful Brother BENJAMIN ROGERS, of Charlottetown, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother NEIL McKELVIE, of Summerside, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

QUEBEC—1903.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Quebec, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, held its Thirty-second Annual Communication at the Masonic Temple, at the City of Montreal, on Wednesday, January 28, A.D. 1903.

Most Worshipful Brother EDSON FITCH, Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master, whose portrait forms the frontispiece, shows a vigilant and faithful officer. He makes reference to the loss sustained in the death of Past Grand Master DRUMMOND, of Maine, who was the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Quebec near that of Maine.

Brother FITCH said,—

“ The past year has been a very eventful one for the Empire to which we belong. It has witnessed the conclusion of peace in South Africa, and the coronation of His Imperial Majesty, King Edward VII. None of us are likely to for-

get, no matter how long we may live, the feeling of deep humiliation and sorrow which swept over the English-speaking world, when the cable flashed the sad intelligence that our beloved Brother and Sovereign had been stricken down with an illness which might well prove fatal, upon the very eve of the time set apart for the magnificent demonstrations to attend the Coronation. Millions of people throughout the civilized world were brought to their knees before the throne of the King of Kings, by this sudden visitation. From hovel and palace alike, went up the voice of supplication to the Throne of Grace, and if ever there was an undoubted answer to prayer, I think it was to be seen in the merciful recovery of His Majesty to health and strength."

Our Most Worshipful Brother is not the only loyal subject of our Royal Brother, KING EDWARD VII., who was inspired with the same sentiments, as may be seen by the following words, which the Grand Master of Prince Edward Island addressed, on June 24, 1903, to the Brethren of his Grand Lodge:

"The past year has been a very eventful one for the Empire to which we belong. It has witnessed the conclusion of the war in South Africa and the declaration of Peace and the Coronation of his Imperial Majesty, King Edward VII.

"None of us are likely to forget, no matter how long we may live, the feeling of deep humiliation and sorrow which swept over the English speaking world, when the Cable flashed the sad intelligence, that our beloved Brother and Sovereign, had been stricken down with an illness which might prove fatal, upon the very eve of that time set apart for the magnificent demonstrations in connection with his coronation. Millions of people throughout the civilized world were brought to their knees before the Throne of the King of Kings by this sudden visitation. From Hovel and Palace alike, went up the voice of supplication to the Throne

of Grace, and if ever there was an undoubted answer to prayer, it was to be seen in the merciful recovery of His Majesty to health and strength."

Referring to our Washington Celebration, Grand Master FITCH said,—

"I am under an obligation to R. W. Bro. Edgar A. Tennis, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, for sending me one of the memorial medals which was struck on the occasion of the celebration by his Grand Lodge, of the 150th anniversary of the initiation of Bro. George Washington as a Mason. This celebration occurred on the 4th of November last, and I had made all necessary preparations to be present and represent this Grand Lodge on the occasion, but was unfortunately prevented from leaving home by indisposition. Our Grand Lodge was represented, however, at Philadelphia by M. W. Bro. E. T. D. Chambers, who is loud in his praise of the hospitality extended to the visitors in the city of Brotherly Love, and of the admirable addresses made on that occasion by Bro. Theodore Roosevelt and others."

It was a matter of sincere regret to us that, at the last moment, our Most Worshipful Brother was unable to be with us; our Brother had an able representative in Past Grand Master CHAMBERS.

The report of Grand Secretary WHYTE shows that the right Brother was chosen for that most important station.

Number of Lodges, 57; initiated, 326; total membership, 4199, a gain of 180. Receipts, including balance, were \$7349.21; disbursements, \$4225.35; balance, \$3123.86.

Grand Chaplain Right Worshipful Brother the Reverend ARTHUR H. MOORE delivered an able discourse on Masonry, which is printed in the Proceedings. We hope the Brethren took in the very apt quotation from St. Bernard about the spirit with which to seek and use knowledge.

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A Lodge having attained its one hundredth anniversary, the members were granted the privilege of wearing gold lace upon their collars and aprons.

The report on Correspondence is, as usual, by the Chairman, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother EDWARD D. C. CHAMBERS, who skims the cream of the Proceedings for his Brethren, rarely commenting. He prefaces his work with an introduction dealing with the Masonic progress of the year. Our Brother begins his review of Pennsylvania for 1902 as follows:

“ The handsome volume of proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for 1902 possesses a special interest for the present writer, containing as it does a record of the splendid celebration of the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of the initiation of George Washington into the Fraternity. It was the privilege of the writer to represent and speak for his Grand Lodge at this magnificent celebration by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, on the 5th of November, 1902, which was honored by the attendance of Brother Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, Bro. William A. Stone, Governor of Pennsylvania, and other distinguished guests, as well as 700 Brethren, representing 17 Grand Jurisdictions and 341 Lodges of Pennsylvania. The undersigned will not soon forget the splendor of that celebration or the hospitality of the members of the Craft in the City of Brotherly Love.”

Our Brother has received long ere this the copy of the Memorial Volume, which was sent to him and to all who were present in Grand Lodge at the time of the celebration.

Brother TENNIS's annual address was “one of the most eloquent” that has come to our Brother's notice during the year.

Our Brother had time only for the review of Quebec in our report, which seems to have his approval.

Most Worshipful Brother JOHN B. TRESIDDER, of Montreal, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother WILL. H. WHYTE, of Montreal, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

RHODE ISLAND—1903.

THE Most Worshipful "The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations" held a Semi-Annual Communication in The Freemasons Hall, Providence, on Monday, November 17, A.D. 1902.

Most Worshipful Brother WILLIAM HENRY SCOTT, Grand Master.

Our friend and Brother, Grand Secretary PENROSE, follows the traditional method of recording the proceedings in the present tense, but we are again amused to note in several cases *lapsus*, not *linguæ*, but *pennæ*.

The junior Past Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother J. ELLERY HUDSON, received in open Grand Lodge the jewel of his rank, which had been voted at the last Annual Communication. That Brother read a fitting memorial of the late Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother MILTON LIVSEY.

It appears that the Grand Master had planned a treat for the Brethren in the shape of an address by a Brother of national reputation as an eloquent and brilliant public speaker; but, not being successful, he secured two clerical Brethren, HOPKINS B. CADY and JOSEPH J. WOOLLEY, who gave very interesting addresses on "The Internal Dangers of Freemasonry" and "The Encouragement of Freemasonry," respectively.

The One Hundred and Thirteenth Annual Communication was held on Monday, May 18, 1903.

The annual address of the Grand Master is full and com-

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plete, showing him to have been faithful and diligent in the discharge of his duties. We regret that one of his excellent suggestions (as to the preparation of an annual report on Correspondence) was not acted upon, the Committee on Grand Officers' Reports not thinking that in the short time at their disposal they could decide upon the merits of so important a matter. We should have thought that by this time the Brethren of Rhode Island (and Massachusetts as well) might have come to recognize the importance of a general report on Correspondence.

Under "Courtesies," Grand Master SCOTT remarks:

"A cordial invitation from the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania 'to take part in its celebration of the sesqui-centennial anniversary of the initiation of Bro. George Washington into our Fraternity,' held on November 5, 1902, had to be declined, much to my regret; but I extended to our sister jurisdiction, through its Right Worshipful Grand Master, the most cordial greetings and the heartiest best wishes of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge on this happy celebration. I am indebted to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for a memorial volume of the celebration, which contains not only a full report of the ceremonies, but also the responsive sentiments of the Grand Jurisdictions that were not personally represented."

In the report of the Committee on Library, the receipt of a copy of our Memorial Volume is recorded.

Right Worshipful Brother HENRY W. RUGG read a beautiful memorial of Past Grand Master Brother STILLMAN WHITE.

Number of Lodges, 37; initiated, 351; total membership, 5883, a gain of 198. Receipts, including balance, were \$4313.19; disbursements, \$3682.78; balance, \$630.41.

A Past Grand Master's jewel was ordered for the retiring Grand Master, whose portrait we are glad to have as the

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frontispiece. A picture is given of the handsome and impressive monument erected by the Craft to the memory of Grand Secretary BAKER.

Most Worshipful Brother WILLIAM HOWARD WALKER, of Providence, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother S. PENROSE WILLIAMS, of Providence, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

SCOTLAND—1903.

THE Grand Lodge of Scotland held a Quarterly Communication in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Thursday, May 7, A.D. 1903.

Right Worshipful Brother the Honorable CHARLES MAULE RAMSEY, Grand Master Depute, Acting Grand Master in the absence of Most Worshipful Brother JAMES HOZIER, Grand Master Mason.

The Grand Master was authorized to present to His Majesty the King the congratulations of the Grand Lodge of Scotland on the forthcoming visit of His Majesty and Queen Alexandra.

Among the Proceedings of Sister Grand Lodges received, and for which the thanks of the Grand Lodge were voted, were those of Pennsylvania. Charters for four Lodges were granted, one in Natal. The recommendation that the salaries of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be increased, was unanimously adopted.

The subsequent proceedings have not yet been received.

No report on Correspondence.

Most Worshipful Brother the Honorable CHARLES MAULE RAMSAY, of Edinburgh, Grand Master Mason; Right Worshipful Brother DAVID REID, of Edinburgh, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA—1903.

THE Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of South Australia held its Half-Yearly Communication at Freemasons' Hall, Adelaide, on Wednesday, October 15, A.D. 1902.

Most Worshipful Brother the Right Honorable Sir SAMUEL J. WAY, Bart., etc., Grand Master.

The names of the Representatives of Sister Grand Lodges are not given.

No business of general interest was transacted.

The Annual Communication was held on Wednesday, April 15, 1903. The total worth of the Grand Lodge Funds is a little over \$100,000.

Number of Lodges, 44; initiated, 128; total membership, 2756, a gain of 83. Receipts, including balance, were \$7140; disbursements, \$4607; balance, \$2533. Six hundred and seventy dollars were disbursed from the Permanent Benevolent Fund, and from the Benefit Fund \$1046, while \$125 were donated to four charitable institutions.

No general report on Correspondence.

We had the pleasure of receiving a cordial letter from Grand Master WAY acknowledging the receipt of our Washington Memorial Volume.

Most Worshipful Brother His Excellency The Right Honorable Sir SAMUEL J. WAY, Bart., P.C., D.C.L., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor, Chief Justice of South Australia, Chancellor of the University of Adelaide, etc., etc., of Adelaide, Grand Master, re-elected; Very Worshipful Brother J. H. CUNNINGHAM, of Adelaide, Grand Secretary, continued.

SOUTH CAROLINA—1902.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Freemasons of South Carolina began its One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Annual Communication in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Charleston, on Tuesday, December 9, A.D. 1902, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother WALTER M. WHITEHEAD, Grand Master.

In the absence of Past Grand Master SMYTHE, the Mayor of Charleston, the Grand Lodge was welcomed by Brother JAMES R. JOHNSON, "the Mayor Pro Tem.," and Deputy Grand Master BELLINGER responded.

The annual address of the Grand Master is a well-prepared paper, his decisions being sound under the South Carolina code, otherwise we should dissent as to several.

He announced the death of Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother BEAUFORT W. BALL, and appropriate action was taken.

The Grand Master was compelled to forego the satisfaction to be derived from the ceremonies at our Washington celebration, saying,—

"The brilliant assemblage of representative Masons who met in Philadelphia paid fitting tribute to the memory of the immortal Washington, whose life is our country's boast and glory, and who, like the greatest and best of men in all ages, was an encourager and promoter of our glorious Art, 'and never deemed it derogatory to his dignity to level himself with the fraternity and patronize their assemblies.' "

Our Brother thinks that the "rigid, uncompromising regulation as to physical qualifications" should be considered again, and some plan adopted by which a board consisting, for example, of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Senior Grand Warden, could "examine as to

the extent of the injury and admit to the degrees those whose physical condition will admit of their conforming literally to all the requirements of the ceremony of initiation."

We are sure that this proposition may be made in such a way as to excite the sympathies of our Brethren, but those sympathies ought not to sway us to depart from the old qualifications in this regard, and we regret to see a Grand Master of such a conservative Jurisdiction as South Carolina advocating this idea of change.

Number of Lodges, including one under dispensation, 192; "degrees conferred," 1565; initiated (estimated), 522; total membership, 6926, whether gain or loss not stated, but we think a gain of 394. Receipts, including balance, were \$12,041.20; disbursements, \$11,198.62; balance, \$842.58.

A beautiful watch was presented to the junior Past Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother ORLANDO SHEPPARD, as a testimonial of the regard of Grand Lodge, the remarks of Past Grand Master BARRON in presenting it being eloquent, while Brother SHEPPARD expressed his gratification in most appropriate words.

Brother B. E. NICHOLASON, on behalf of his Lodge (Concordia, No. 50), presented to Grand Lodge a portrait in oil of Brother SHEPPARD, the Grand Master accepting the same on behalf of Grand Lodge; the beautiful remarks of these Brethren were ordered printed in the Proceedings.

Recognition to Costa Rica was refused, "in adherence to their established custom,—i.e., non-recognition of Masonic Bodies in non-English speaking countries."

The letter which accompanied the jewel, which was ordered last year for Grand Secretary INGLESBY, and his reply are also given. We echo the prayer of the Committee that our Brother "may be spared for many years of usefulness, happiness and prosperity."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is prepared, as usual, by the Grand Secretary, Right Worshipful Brother CHARLES INGLESBY, his twenty-sixth. It is a very interesting, enter-

taining, and, we may add, exciting work, for the reason that our dear Brother persists in printing his report in such a way that it cannot by any means always be told who is intended by his pronoun, and that excites curiosity. Although more quotation marks are used, as recommended by another member of the Guild, it is not yet always possible to tell where quotations end, so that we cannot always tell what Brother INGLESBY's views are. He explains that his objection to short paragraphs is "that they make too much printer's 'fat.' " Our Brother's reports are well known, and in his old age he does not falter in his stanch support of the old ways.

We are glad to find ourselves so often in accord with our Brother, but we think he is clearly wrong in presuming to say that "it is impossible for one conscientiously to believe that Masonry interferes with the duties he owes to God," as he does in the following, under Maine:

"A man is free to renounce his lodge membership and become an unaffiliated Mason, as he is to withdraw his membership in any particular church or sect, but he is no more free to renounce Masonry than he is to renounce religion! All the teachings of Masonry are in harmony with morality and religion, and it is impossible for one conscientiously to believe that Freemasonry interferes with the duties he owes to God. The Mason who could come to such a conclusion is either a madman or a fool, and his withdrawal would be to the profit of Masonry. If he does not withdraw he should be expelled."

In three pages our doings for 1901 are well epitomized, and our Brother believes that our Grand Master is correct in saying "that the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia is the finest Masonic edifice in the world."

Our law that a Lodge may not confer a degree "as a courtesy and at the request of another Lodge," is new to Brother

INGLESBY. We are not the only Grand Lodge having such a law.

Grand Master TENNIS's inaugural is "an elaborate address filled with good counsel and Masonic advice."

Our Brother speaks kindly of our report ("splendid"), but he cannot expect us to be exactly lamb-like when our name is so badly treated that we are "lammed" every time, and Webster says that that word is "low and obsolete."

The quotation which our Brother gives from his Ahiman Rezon shows that the same usage prevails in South Carolina as in Pennsylvania as to the opening of Grand Lodge, and Brother BELLINGER was misinformed.

Most Worshipful Brother WALTER M. WHITEHEAD, of Charleston, Grand Master, re-elected; Right Worshipful Brother CHARLES INGLESBY, of Charleston, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

SOUTH DAKOTA—1903.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of South Dakota began its Twenty-ninth Annual Communication in the Hall of Deadwood Lodge, No. 7, Masonic Temple, in the City of Deadwood, on Tuesday, June 9, A.D. 1903, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother FRANK A. BROWN, Grand Master.

The evening before the opening of the Annual Communication, an informal reception was held in the hall of the Lodge, during which the key of the city was presented by the Mayor to the Grand Master, who explained that he had been in the city for twenty-four hours and had not found anything which needed to be unlocked.

After Grand Lodge had been opened, Most Worshipful Brother SOL. STAR, a Past Grand Master of Montana, made

an address of welcome, which was responded to by the Grand Master; this, it seems, is an unusual thing in South Dakota, as the Grand Master generally designates some other Brother for that pleasant duty, but in this case a brother, in the flesh if not in the Fraternity, had, in his absence, undertaken to answer for the Grand Master's responding.

The address of the Grand Master, whose portrait forms the frontispiece, is a straightforward document. Our Brother is thoroughly loyal to his State. He announced the death of Right Worshipful Past Grand Treasurer Brother EDWARD G. BENKE, and we have a portrait of this Brother and of the lamented Past Grand Master YOUNGS, a Past Grand Master of Wisconsin and an Honorary Member of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota. A picture is also given of the new Masonic Temple at Chamberlain.

Grand Secretary PETTIGREW, in his report, urges, most wisely, as we think, the preparation of histories of the Lodges. We wish our good Brother had somewhere given us the number of Lodges in his Jurisdiction.

In his list on page 232 our Brother gives the address of this writer incorrectly; it should be Harrisburg.

Number of Lodges not stated, but about 101; initiated, 463; total membership, 5444, a gain of 306. Receipts, including balance, were \$10,558.52; disbursements, \$4317.60; balance, \$6240.92.

A resolution of sympathy with Past Grand Master COE, who was unable to be present owing to illness, was adopted. Telegraphic greetings with Wisconsin were exchanged.

Hereafter, five per cent. of the gross receipts of Grand Lodge is to be set apart as a fund to be used for building quarters for the Grand Lodge library and an office for the Grand Secretary.

Costa Rica and Valle de Mexico were recognized.

After his installation, Grand Master DAGUE made a brief address, highly appreciative of the exalted station to which he had been raised.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Correspondence is by the Chairman, Brother SAMUEL A. BROWN, M.D., his fourth, and it is a pleasure to read it; it is well arranged and well printed, not to say very well written.

Our Brother prefers "Craft" to "Fraternity," and thinks that the Salvation Army is responsible for the movement to have the flag in the Lodge-room, Brother BROWN not objecting to its presence, but not deeming it necessary. We think the flag had better be somewhere else.

Apropos of class legislation, our Brother, not without some force, asks, "Did not our ancient brethren legislate against the admission of a class called 'bondmen' and another class called 'women'?" He also suggests "Stupid Atheists" as another class which the ancient Brethren legislated against.

Under Florida, after giving a quotation from the able Irish Masonic student and writer, our friend, Brother W. J. CHETWODE CRAWLEY, LL.D., as to the first granting of Lodge charters, Brother BROWN says,—

"We hope that these statements of Brother Crawley are more accurate than the one he made to his own Grand Lodge to the effect that George Washington was Grand Master of Pennsylvania."

If our Brother will turn to page 353 of his copy of our Memorial Volume, he will find extracts from the minutes of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, dated June 5, 1800, where twice Brother WASHINGTON is referred to as "G. M." This was of course a mistake, and it is interesting to note that the letter or "address" which was ordered to be sent to us, and which is given at page 437 of the first volume of the Reprint of the Minutes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, makes no allusion to WASHINGTON having been Grand Master.

Our Brother, as does several of the Guild, refers to the letter of the Grand Master of Illinois to our Grand Master with regard to the funeral of a Brother, it being necessary

that the request for burial of a Brother from another Jurisdiction should go through the offices of the respective Grand Masters; we hope he will turn to our review of Illinois, and there he will see that the Grand Master of Illinois had no one to blame in the case in question except himself. Our Brother is mistaken when he says that our regulation "practically relieves Pennsylvania Masons from the burden of these kindly acts," for cases of the kind are frequent, trouble rarely being found in these days of telegraph and telephone, as we have said before.

Brother BROWN thinks that "Masonry is steadily increasing, and grammar steadily decreasing;" he also thinks that a Brother should be a member of as many Lodges as will accept him. We believe this is the English rule.

More than four pages are given to Pennsylvania for 1902. Reference is made to Grand Treasurer PATTON's "munificent gift." With regard to our Washington celebration he says,—

"It was a Grand occasion, worthy of the magnificent Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Addresses were given by the Grand Master, President Roosevelt, Brother Lamberton, correspondence writer of the Grand Lodge, and many other distinguished Masons, a full account of which was published by authority of the Grand Lodge in a Memorial Volume, which we did not receive."

Later the book arrived, as he states at the end of his report. He asks forgiveness for not acknowledging the invitation we sent him. We shall do so on condition that he accept the next one, and give us the pleasure of his company.

Grand Master TENNIS's annual address "is a dignified and impressive paper."

In connection with some remarks of ours about our former Grand Representatives, Brother BROWN says,—

“ In some instances the Grand Representative of Pennsylvania has not only been discharged and his office abolished but he has also died and been buried without any appreciable effect upon his standing as the Grand Representative of Pennsylvania. Brother Coxe of Iowa, engaged in the same laudable undertaking for many years with similar results. Such is the effect of efforts to make innovations in the body of Masonry or to change the original plan.”

Brother BROWN concludes his report as follows:

“ WASHINGTON SESQUI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

“ November 5, 1902.

“Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Commemorating the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Initiation of George Washington.

“ The beautiful souvenir volume of this great Masonic event arrived too late to be noticed under the head of Pennsylvania. It is a triumph of the bookmaker’s art in every respect. There are many pictures of the Father of his Country, of the committee who had the celebration in charge, also the Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, President Roosevelt, the Temple in Philadelphia, the banqueting halls where the great feast was spread, both material and intellectual, the Washington relics, including the Bible on which he was obligated and the one on which he was sworn in as President, the minute book of the Lodge at Fredericksburg showing the dates of his degrees, the famous Masonic Apron wrought by the Marquise de La Fayette and presented to Washington, the Gavel with which Washington laid the corner stone of the United States Capitol Building, the Massachusetts casket wrought by Paul Revere and containing an urn of gold enclosing a lock of Washington’s hair, an autograph letter from Washington to the Grand Lodge of Penn-

sylvania, the minutes of Solomon's Lodge, Poughkeepsie, showing a visit from Washington.

"There were many addresses from many Brethren. The Grand Master introduced the celebration by an address of welcome in well-chosen words, which was responded to by Grand Master Gallagher of Massachusetts. Then followed the President of the United States, who in characteristic manner stirred up the hearts of his Brethren in an oration which he characterized as partly a sermon and partly an appeal for help, and showed that however young in the Craft he had grasped the true significance of its principles. 'The wisest and best men of all ages have ever been dependent upon the charity of their Brethren and the bounty of Divine Providence.' Our Brother is up against it, the real thing, and is entitled to every consideration in his efforts to steer the ship of state upon her course.

"Stewart L. Woodford, John Wanamaker, Bishop Potter, Governor Stone, Governor-elect Pennypacker, and many others, were called upon and their speeches were fine, eliciting deserved applause from those assembled there. Part of the orations were made in the hall and part in the banqueting room around the festive board.

"By far the best address from our point of view was that of Brother James M. Lamberton, the learned correspondence writer of Pennsylvania, who has devoted a great deal of time and energy to the successful consummation of this celebration. His theme was 'Washington as a Freemason.' Many Brethren have essayed this task before him with varying success, but for exhaustive research, fullness of detail and agreeable presentation this effort far surpasses anything of its kind we have hitherto known. We congratulate him and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania upon his achievement.

"We learn that nothing positively is known about the origin of the Lodge at Fredericksburg where the initiation took place. He does not elaborate upon the idea that it was

what Brother Schultz of Maryland, calls a 'time immemorial' Lodge. It will be remembered that Lodges were not chartered until just about that time. Brother Chetwode Crawley of Ireland, says that 'in 1748 there were no charters in existence save those issued under the seal of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.' We do not know exactly how a Lodge was erected in those days. Brother Crawley made another statement a short time ago to his Grand Master to the effect that Irish records show that a communication had been received from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1800 announcing the death of their Grand Master George Washington, and that resolutions of sympathy and condolence were sent by the Grand Lodge of Ireland to that of Pennsylvania on that account. Very many Masons of fifty to a hundred years ago firmly believed that Washington was at one time Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania. This is, however, the first intimation we have had that Pennsylvania Grand Lodge itself shared that opinion.

"The charges made by the enemies of Masonry that Washington had renounced Masonry, and had practically ceased to be a member for thirty or forty years of his life were taken up and disposed of, and Washington was shown to have been a consistent, faithful Mason from the time of his initiation, before he was twenty-one, until his death. Brother Lamberton also takes up the matter of this apparent irregularity whereby Washington was initiated before he was twenty-one. It seems that the two English Grand Lodges and the Irish placed the age at twenty-five and Scotland at eighteen, before which one could not be initiated. So the practice was quite diverse at that time within lawful limits.

"The address is a very valuable contribution to Masonic literature."

We have above pointed out the mistake of the Grand Secretary of Ireland in styling WASHINGTON as "G. M." in his minutes.

Most Worshipful Brother BYRON P. DAGUE, of Deadwood, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother GEORGE A. PETTIGREW, of Sioux Falls, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

TENNESSEE—1903.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Tennessee began its Eighty-ninth Annual Communication at Freemasons' Hall in the city of Nashville, on Wednesday, January 28, A.D. 1903, and closed two days later.

Most Worshipful Brother JOHN R. SMITH, Grand Master.

A telegram was received from Past Grand Master PRICE, who, owing to illness, was absent for the first time in more than thirty years, and a happily worded message of sympathy was sent to him.

The annual address of the Grand Master is a business-like paper (excepting from that description the verses of our Brother), showing a zealous and energetic officer. We regret to learn of his domestic afflictions. Of course, his decision that a man with one foot plus less than half of another is eligible, we cannot approve; three decisions failed to be approved, but this was *not* one of those which failed of approval.

The Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home supported 22 widows, 49 boys, and 49 girls, at an expense of \$11,759.22.

Number of Lodges, 424, a loss of 6; initiated, 1229; total membership, 17,895, a gain of 125. Receipts, including balance, were \$48,353.31; disbursements, \$24,693.04; balance, \$23,660.27.

Greetings were exchanged with Michigan.

On the afternoon of the first day, an entertainment was given by the children of the Home, "complimentary to the Grand Lodge."

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Tennessee has a new officer, a Poet Laureate, Brother A. W. STOVALL, and he was introduced and read a poem, which is headed, "A Dialogue—Husband and Wife. At home, 11 o'clock at night, December 27, 1902."

We cannot give this example of the new Laureate's powers, but we may say that, although there were signs of a storm, at the end harmony prevailed.

Brother JOSEPH S. CARELS, for fifty years a member of Grand Lodge, and the oldest Mason in attendance, was introduced as a freak in Masonry,—one who had never sought promotion in the Grand Lodge, never held an office, or been appointed on a Standing Committee.

The retiring Grand Master was the recipient of a Past Grand Master's jewel from the Brethren of eighteen Lodges.

The frontispiece is, very appropriately, in our opinion, the portrait of the new Grand Master; while opposite it we are pleased to have that of Grand Secretary GARRETT, whose salary was justly raised \$300.

The report on Correspondence is in two parts, an introduction and a conclusion by the Chairman, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother HENRY H. INGERSOLL, and a review of the individual Jurisdictions by Brother ROBERT WALTON, who relieves Judge INGERSOLL, owing to that Brother's professional engagements.

Brother INGERSOLL, in his interesting conclusion, treats of "Cipher Ritual," "Easy Masonry," the "Masonic Reformer," "Puerile Masonry," "Non-Affiliates," "Grand Officers," and "Masonic Homes."

Under the heading "The Masonic Reformer" our Brother says, in part,—

"We have no argument for these good Brethren. It is not a case for argument. The constitution of Freemasonry, its ancient landmarks and regulations are sacred; they cannot be changed. It is idle now to discuss whether they might have been different or better; they are what they are, and it

is not now in the power of any man or body of men to make innovations upon them. It was obviously not intended that all virtuous men should be eligible to Freemasonry. There are some men of purest lives and highest standards who cannot possibly come to our doors. It is expressly and plainly forbidden. And while we are Freemasons we should best accept without question its unchangeable standards and rules. Good men, and good men alone, strong men in body, mind and soul may gain admission to Freemasonry; it was so written in the beginning and will so remain as long as Freemasons are true to their obligations and adhere to their ancient landmarks and regulations.

“This, perhaps some will say, makes Freemasonry an aristocracy. So be it, then! It makes no other pretension, it wants none but the best for its membership.”

Under “Puerile Masonry,” he also well says,—

“Craft Masonry has already too many other things appendant to it without need for this puerile order. Added to the Chapter and the Commandery, which consummate the American system of Freemasonry, we have the Council and the Shrine and the Scottish Rite, all of which have at least the merit that they belong to men, and men alone belong to them. And then there is the Eastern Star for women—a most beautiful appendant order; and now we are to have the Northern Light or Western What-Not appendant for the children of the Craft, until what shall become of us Heaven only knows. Lord send that it may not be a case of Masonic appendicitis!”

Brother WALTON has prepared a feast of good things for his Brethren, which he serves to them in an attractive fashion, many of his comments being like the air of his beautiful mountain home.

Referring to Brother SHAVER's remarks that his report

was written for Kansas, not for the Guild, Brother WALTON says,—

“ Well, we frankly admit that we are writing this report, not so much for Tennessee, as for what the brother is pleased to call the “ Guild,” and as it is our maiden effort (at least we are almost in our virginity—this is not an Irish bull—we did a little scribbling once, just once, before on a small scale in the line of this work), we are in fear and trembling lest the terrible “ guild” will pick us all to pieces, as they have a right to do. We certainly recognize the fact that we are running up against a bright, talented lot of men, and if we escape with only a few scars we shall consider ourselves fortunate. Confidentially, Brother Shaver, we confess we are afraid of the ‘ mutual admiration society,’ and have a wholesome respect for it.”

Pennsylvania for 1901 is considered. Grand Master WAGNER’s address covers the topics treated “ in an able and masterly manner,” while Grand Master TENNIS’s inaugural is a “ very beautiful paper.” Then comes the summary from Grand Secretary SINN’s report, and our Brother continues:

“ Now we come with fearful forebodings of the fate that may await us should we presume to enter the classic meadows enriched and irrigated by the copious pen of Brother James M. Lamberton, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. But we will venture to take a look through the arbutian hedges which surround them, and at least enjoy the beautiful scene ourselves, though we may not be able to describe it so that our readers, too, could enjoy it.”

Our report is spoken of as “ scholarly,” and, from our references to Brother INGERSOLL, Brother WALTON correctly infers that this writer is also a Yale man, and congratulates

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us both on what he is pleased to call our "high scholarly attainments."

Most Worshipful Brother EDMUND J. MCQUEEN, of London, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother JOHN B. GARRETT, of Nashville, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

TEXAS—1902.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, began its Sixty-seventh Grand Annual Communication at the Masonic Temple, in the City of Houston, on Tuesday, December 2, A.D. 1902, and closed two days later.

Most Worshipful Brother WILLIAM CLARK, Grand Master.

The annual address of the Grand Master shows that he has given a firm and vigorous administration of the affairs of this great Jurisdiction. It is just a bit odd that a year should be "folded to sleep amid the star lit scenes of the past, to be used by us as a beacon light."

The Grand Master announced the death of Past Grand Master MILLER and that of Past Grand Secretary SWAIN, "whose life was an example worthy the emulation of the entire brotherhood."

We admire the good judgment of the Grand Master in refusing dispensations to appear in public. He includes in his address the list of those who made donations to the fund which was raised for the sufferers from the hurricane in 1900, and we see that W. C. Hamilton Lodge, No. 500, members of James Cochran Lodge, No. 614, Dawson, and Argyle Lodge, No. 540, Chicora, in our Jurisdiction, were contributors to the fund, which amounted to \$36,743.61.

Number of Lodges, 675, a gain of 10; initiated, 1776; total membership, 31,568, a gain of 1888. Receipts, including balance, were \$42,445.48; disbursements, \$22,843.84; balance, \$19,601.64.

A special report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence was submitted and adopted, still refusing to recommend the repeal of the edict of non-intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Washington.

The report of the Board of Directors of the Widows' and Orphans' Home naturally begins with an extended reference to their late President, Past Grand Master MILLER, whose portrait is given. One hundred and five children and four widows were cared for at this great charity, at a cost of \$21,638.54. It is hoped to increase the number of inmates to one hundred and fifty with the increased accommodations.

The arrangements for proceeding with the building of a Temple at the new home of the Grand Lodge, Waco, are being perfected, and a building at a cost of \$150,000 is contemplated.

In his list, on page 167, Grand Secretary WATSON still misspells the name of our Grand Secretary, although his attention has been called to the mistake repeatedly.

The frontispiece is, appropriately, in our opinion, the portrait of the new Grand Master, but the portrait that pleases us most is that of the venerable Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother THOMAS M. MATTHEWS, SR., whose work is among the best of the Guild.

Our Brother's reports are almost entirely written; the "scissors" on his table must be rusty, he so rarely uses them. He is earnest in his support of the Brethren who made up the "Gran Dieta of Mexico," which raises them in our estimation. He likes "Craft" equally well with "Fraternity;" thinks, as do we, that the fact that Belgium is in fraternal correspondence with the godless Grand Orient of France is sufficient ground for refusing fraternal intercourse; and would like to know, as should we, "whence the Supreme Council of the A. and A. S. Rite, or its 'Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander,' derives the right to pass upon the legitimacy of the York or Ancient Craft Mason."

In his very earnest "Conclusion," our Brother suggests some searching questions with which we should examine ourselves, to "see if we, as Masons, are doing our duty to God, our fellow men and ourselves."

In three pages, Pennsylvania for 1901 is well epitomized. Brother MATTHEWS thinks the action of Washington was "a covert affirmation," not a repeal of its objectionable resolutions; adding, "The Grand Lodge must take back water straight, with no dodging or mystification, and being wrong should do so."

As we have had occasion elsewhere in this report to remark, the power to grant dispensations to pass and raise, and to raise to the degree of a Master Mason, is vested in our District Deputy Grand Masters.

Our report receives courteous and kind consideration, and our Brother pays us the compliment of copying something that we had to say with regard to the usually incorrect way of printing the Old Charge as to requirements for initiation.

Our Brother kindly explains for the benefit of this writer and Brother BROWN, of South Dakota, that what seemed a wrong (the omitting the names of Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts, after five years, from the returns of Lodges) was not so, but a mere matter of economy in printing.

We believe some remarks of our Brother, on page 64 of his report for 1900, suggested a remark of ours, about inquiries as to ancestry being perhaps hardly in place in a report on Correspondence. Brother MATTHEWS also explains that it was "the printer's devil" who "monkeyed" with his manuscript, changing "Massachusetts" into "Washington," something we could not account for, when we read our Brother's report.

Most Worshipful Brother W. M. FLY, of Gonzales, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother JOHN WATSON, of Waco, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

UTAH—1903.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Utah began its Thirty-second Annual Communication in the Masonic Hall, Salt Lake City, on Tuesday, January 20, A.D. 1903, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother WILLIAM J. LYNCH, Grand Master.

Grand Secretary DIEHL records the names of Sister Jurisdictions represented, but does not give the names of the "Ambassadors," as he elsewhere calls them.

Hereafter, a stenographer, a Master Mason in good standing, is to report the full proceedings of the Grand Lodge, in order to preserve a complete record, omitting from his report secret work.

A telegram of regret was received from "MARTIN," whom we take to be the absent Deputy Grand Master.

The annual address of the Grand Master, which he aimed to make a "plain, business-like review," is excellent. He refers to our Washington celebration as follows:

"The Grand Secretary and myself received invitations from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to attend the celebration of the sesqui-centennial anniversary of George Washington's initiation as a Free Mason, which was held at Philadelphia November 5, 1902. Each one of us would have gladly participated in that memorable and joyous event, but circumstances over which we had no control forbid us to do so. Later I received from Grand Master Tennis a beautiful medal which was struck off by order of the Grand Lodge in memory of the celebration. I prize the medal highly and take this means to thank my Brother Tennis for it."

Unfortunately for us, all we could do was to print his letter of greeting and regret in the Memorial Volume. He

earnestly urged the starting of a Charity Fund, but practical steps in that direction were postponed till next year.

The Grand Master is opposed to our doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction, thinking it "wrong and antagonistic to the best interests of Freemasonry." Of course, our Brother is fully entitled to his opinion, but we think that one who has been rejected in a regular Lodge is not "under the tongue of good Masonic report," and the mere lapse of time will not change that fact.

The interesting address is also printed which the Grand Master made, when, in accord with the action of Grand Lodge last year, he presented the jewels which had been procured for the ten Past Grand Masters, a Past Grand Lecturer, and the "Great Grand Secretary."

Number of Lodges, 10; initiated, 88; total membership, 1083, a gain of 101. Receipts, including balance, were \$5469.16; disbursements, \$2286.85; balance, \$3182.31.

Past Grand Master GASH received the thanks of the Grand Lodge for an elegant portrait he presented of Brother WILLIAM MCKINLEY, late President of the United States.

The Emery signet ring was transmitted and received in fitting words. A Past Grand Master's jewel was presented to the retiring Grand Master by the incoming Grand Master, whose portrait forms the frontispiece. We have portraits of Past Grand Masters WILLIAMS and VAN HORNE, and Past Grand Lecturer SCHRAMM; and interesting biographical sketches of these Brethren are given.

We think it is appropriate that the portrait of a Grand Master should be given in the Proceedings which contain the account of his election and installation. In this way, the Brethren have an opportunity of seeing what manner of man their Grand Master is. We can see no good reason for waiting till his term of service has expired.

The report on Correspondence is by the Committee, Right Worshipful Brother CHRISTOPHER DIEHL, Grand Secretary,

his twenty-seventh, and, to use his words concerning another, he "can sling the Faber to the Queen's taste."

With regard to the numerous views on the Landmarks, Brother "CHRIS" says his troubles are at an end, and his "thinking tank is clear," all of which he attributes to our friend Brother W. J. CHETWODE CRAWLEY, LL.D. (whom, by the way, Brother DIEHL elevates to the rank of the clergy), and who has proved that the Fathers recognize but three Landmarks,—to wit, "1. The Fatherhood of God. 2. The Brotherhood of Man; and 3. The Life to come."

Having lived "half his life among prophets, seers and revelators," our Brother, under Michigan, proves himself a prophet. He hopes that his Grand Lodge will never change its law of one ballot for the three degrees, and we agree; but we do not agree that the Grand Master has no prerogative to make Masons at sight. As our Brother tells us, he has changed his views about the incorporation of Grand Lodges, which he no longer favors, he may change his views as to the prerogative.

Pennsylvania for 1901 is well epitomized. Our Temple is said to be the "finest structure of its kind in the whole known world," Grand Master WAGNER's address is a "straightforward business paper," and Grand Master TENNIS's inaugural is summarized briefly, his date of "June 5, 1730," "from which our existence dates," is referred by Brother DIEHL to Brothers NICKERSON and DRUMMOND, an entirely unnecessary proceeding.

His criticism of the sentence with regard to "hired servants" strikes us as just.

Our review of Utah, in our Correspondence report, evidently caught the eye of our Brother, who this year gives us our middle initial.

Most Worshipful Brother WALTER SCOTT, of Salt Lake City, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother CHRISTOPHER DIEHL, of Salt Lake City, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

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THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Vermont began its One Hundred and Tenth Annual Communication in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Burlington, on Wednesday, June 10, A.D. 1903, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother CHARLES R. MONTAGUE, Grand Master.

Most Worshipful Brother GEORGE O. TYLER, Past Grand Master of Quebec, was a welcome visitor.

The address of the Grand Master, whose portrait forms the frontispiece, is an able paper, showing a wise, careful and energetic administration. He announced the death of Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother LEVANT M. READ and Brother DANIEL C. BARBER, for many years a faithful Grand Steward, and fitting action was taken, showing loving appreciation of faithful service.

Under "Fraternal Courtesies" occurs the following:

"I received from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, through R. W. Grand Master Edgar A. Tennis, a very courteous invitation to attend the sesqui-centennial celebration of the initiation into Masonry of our illustrious Brother George Washington. It being impossible for me to attend personally, I asked permission to be represented by R. W. Bro. Everett C. Benton, of the 14th Masonic District. The permission was graciously given and Bro. Benton reports his visit in his official report as District Deputy. I wish to express my appreciation of the courtesy of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and its Grand Master in extending this invitation, and also for the souvenir medal and copy of the proceedings, addresses, etc., sent me. The celebration was held in Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on the 5th day of November, 1902, and the remarkably complete programme was most successfully carried out."

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Right Worshipful Brother BENTON, in his report, states:

“SESQUI-CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF GEORGE WASHINGTON'S INITIATION INTO FREEMASONRY, ON NOVEMBER 5th, 1902.

“I had the honor of attending and representing the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Vermont at the Sesqui-Centennial Anniversary of the Initiation of our Illustrious Brother, George Washington, into Freemasonry. It was the most conspicuous Masonic event of recent years in the history of the craft in the United States, and was carried out most successfully under the direction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in the magnificent Temple at Philadelphia.

“R. W. E. A. Tennis, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, presided, and extended a hearty and brotherly welcome to all present.

“It was of a national character, as representatives from most of the Grand Lodges in the United States, as well as Foreign Jurisdictions, were present. The address of the day was made by Bro. Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States. Among the pleasant features of the occasion was the magnificent banquet held in their spacious banquet hall which had been most beautifully decorated for the occasion. The whole affair was magnificently arranged and every detail was most thoroughly and successfully carried out.

“The Loan Exhibition of Washingtonia, lasting for one month, commencing November 5th, was the most complete and wonderful exhibition of the kind ever witnessed. This exhibition was held in the apartments adjoining the great Masonic Library of the Grand Lodge, under the personal direction of their efficient Librarian, Bro. George P. Rupp. The result of his labor reflected great credit on himself as well as the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.”

Brother BENTON's words of greeting, which are given in our Memorial Volume, though few in number, were appreciated by the Pennsylvania Brethren.

The senior Past Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother PARK DAVIS, who has been a member of Grand Lodge for forty years, sent a letter from Sioux Falls, South Dakota, regretting his inability to be with his Brethren, and as a slight token of fraternal esteem and regard, the Grand Secretary was requested to send to that Brother a Past Grand Master's apron.

Number of Lodges, including one under dispensation, 103; initiated, 592; total membership, 10,983, a gain of 309. Receipts, including balance, were \$6370.68; disbursements, \$4411.66; balance, \$1959.02.

Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother NATHAN P. BOWMAN, with the exception of Brother DAVIS the oldest living Past Grand Master, was able to be present the second day; and when he entered, he was heartily welcomed by the Grand Master and received with the private grand honors. Ascending the dais, he addressed, in a gracious and feeling manner, the Brethren, who remained standing. Our Brother is eighty-one years of age.

The Committee on the Grand Master's address regretted, as did we, that the Grand Master was unable "to accept the invitation to represent Vermont at the observance by the brethren of Pennsylvania of the sesqui-centennial of the first entrance of Washington within the tyled recesses of a Masonic lodge."

We are pleased to see that the efficient services of Grand Secretary Ross were appreciated, his extra labor compensated, and a more adequate salary provided.

A Past Grand Master's jewel was ordered for the retiring Grand Master.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by the Chairman, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother MARSH O. PERKINS, who gives another of his well-prepared reports.

Anent (to use a very favorite word of our Brother's) physical qualifications, he is decidedly liberal, where, to our thinking, to be liberal is to depart from the teachings of the Ancient Charges. He believes that the time is near at hand when every Grand Lodge will make such documents as show one's standing "*a sine qua non.*" Vermont, he tells us, does not deny the prerogative of the Grand Master to make Masons at sight, but none of her Grand Masters has ever deemed it advisable to exercise it.

Pennsylvania for 1902 receives nearly six pages of review. With regard to our Washington celebration our Brother says,—

"In accordance with the previous resolution of Grand Lodge, November 5 witnessed the sesqui-centennial anniversary of the initiation of Washington into the fraternity. The arrangements were complete in every detail, and the ceremonies of a dignity commensurate with the event thus commemorated. A kindly Providence seemed to vie with the brethren 'to make the day befitting to the occasion.' At high twelve Grand Lodge was duly convened, after which the program arranged by the committee was fully carried out in the presence of 700 brethren, representing 17 Grand Jurisdictions and 341 lodges owing allegiance to Grand Lodge.

"The address of welcome by Grand Master Edgar A. Tennis was responded to in a most happy manner in behalf of the visitors by Grand Master Charles T. Gallagher of the Old Bay State. Addresses were delivered by Bro. Theodore Roosevelt, the President of the United States, Bro. Stewart L. Woodford of New York and Bro. James M. Lamberton of Pennsylvania. Greetings were tendered by Grand Masters and others from their respective jurisdictions, among these speakers being our honored Bro. Everett C. Benton of Vermont. At the close of these exercises was a grand banquet, and 'the festivities lasted until near midnight.' The full and complete account of all the proceedings of the day

will be found in the handsome memorial volume, published by authority of the Grand Lodge. Our thanks for a copy of this, through the courtesy of Bro. Lamberton of the Committee on Correspondence. We note M. W. Bro. Montague's inability to be present, and the reception by the committee of his letter of regret therefor."

Reference is made to the magnificent gift of Grand Treasurer PATTON.

Anent Grand Master TENNIS's annual address, Brother PERKINS says,—

"The formal address of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Tennis, was delivered at this time, and may be safely characterized as one of the very ablest Masonic state papers of the year. 'To interestingly narrate the doings of a Grand Lodge such as ours for the period of a year even is not a small task,' he says. But far more difficult to do justice to such an address as his, in the limited space of the reviewer. It sparkles with eloquence and gems of polished rhetoric, is fraught with words of wisdom and admonition and is marked throughout by the red line of Masonic charity."

A number of quotations are made and commented upon favorably. With regard to the decision that one who is "practically blind" in one eye is physically disqualified, our Brother says,—

"Just what gauge is used to determine 'practically blind' is not stated. 'A bully boy with a glass eye' might not be a worthy candidate, but to declare a man with one eye, of good moral character and mental ability ineligible to Masonic rights and privileges solely on grounds of 'physical disability'—savors to us altogether too much of the ridiculous, notwithstanding the efforts of our good Bro. James M. Lamber-

ton, who presents a most excellent Report on Correspondence, to teach us to the contrary.”

The Ancient Charges may be ridiculous to our Brother, but we have not been so taught, and we can easily put up with ridicule on their account.

Six lines dispose of our report, of which only the review of Vermont seems to have been specially noted.

Most Worshipful Brother OLIN W. DALEY, of White River Junction, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother HENRY H. ROSS, of Burlington, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

VIRGINIA—1902.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Virginia began its One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Grand Annual Communication in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Richmond, on Tuesday, December 2, A.D. 1902, and closed two days later.

Most Worshipful Brother H. OSCAR KERNS, Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master is excellent and practical. His decisions with one exception were approved. One, which was approved, we should question,—*i.e.*, that “attending Divine service *as a Lodge* is a Masonic occasion.”

Of his visit to our Washington celebration he says,—

“SESQUI-CENTENNIAL OF WASHINGTON’S INITIATION INTO FREEMASONRY.

“On November 5, 1902, by invitation of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, I had the privilege of attending the Sesqui-Centennial Anniversary of the initiation of our illustrious brother, George Washington, into the mysteries of Freemasonry, held in the magnificent Temple in Philadelphia. With the exception of the commemoration

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of the hundredth anniversary of Washington's death, on December 14, 1899, at Alexandria and Mount Vernon, this was the most conspicuous Masonic event in the history of the Craft in the United States, and, though inaugurated by and carried out under the direction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, it was really national in its character, representatives being present from most of the Grand Lodges in the United States, as well as foreign jurisdictions. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was opened in ample form at 12:00 noon, with R. Wor. Edgar A. Tennis in the East, who, in a chaste and eloquent address, extended to all a hearty and brotherly welcome, which was responded to on behalf of the visiting Grand Masters by M. Wor. Charles T. Gallagher, Grand Master of Masons of Massachusetts. The address of the day was made by Bro. Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, and member of Matinecock Lodge, No. 806, New York, who in forceful language extolled the beauties of Masonry, saying, among other things, 'that the lodge-room was *the one place* in the world where brothers met on the level, and where they could speak their thoughts without being misquoted or misunderstood.' Wor. James M. Lambertson, of Perseverance Lodge, No. 21, Pennsylvania, graphically described Washington as a Freemason; Wor. Stewart L. Woodford, of Continental Lodge, No. 287, New York, spoke of Washington as a statesman, and visiting Grand Masters responded for their respective jurisdictions. The Grand Lodge closed in peace and harmony at 3:30 P. M., and brethren with their guests repaired to the banquet hall. The scene on entering this hall, which had been re-decorated for the occasion, was simply beyond description—'a thing of beauty,' and well calculated to make one wish it might be 'a joy forever.' Flowers and potted plants, tastefully arranged, abounded everywhere, and the dinner, which was served in courses, was all that even an epicure could desire. During the evening we were entertained with music by an orchestra and singing, an incident worthy of special mention

being, when the orchestra struck up the 'Mocking Bird,' a flock of canaries were liberated—a most novel and pleasant diversion. Each one of those present received programmes and souvenirs to commemorate this event—perfect gems in their way—which will be long treasured by those who received them as among their choicest relics. I had the pleasure of being accompanied by the officers of Fredericksburg Lodge, No. 4, and Alexandria-Washington Lodge, No. 22, R. Wor. Kosciusko Kemper, Grand Junior Warden, and R. Wor. S. J. Quinn, Grand Senior Deacon.”

The proposition to admit widows to the Masonic Home did not meet with favor.

Number of Lodges, including three under dispensation, 280, a gain of four; raised, 724; total membership, 14,303, a gain of 461. Receipts, including balance, were \$24,425.34; disbursements, \$24,215.32; balance, \$210.02. The net assets of Grand Lodge amount to \$15,771.57.

The following will be of interest to our married Brethren:

“The following resolution was adopted by a rising vote, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to send a telegram to Mrs. Kerns, extending our best wishes:

“Whereas the unusual, if not the unprecedented, occurrence of the birth of a son to the M. Wor. Grand Master, while he was sitting in the Grand East, has occurred during this session; therefore be it

“*Resolved*, That the hearty congratulations of the Grand Lodge of Virginia be tendered M. Wor. H. Oscar Kerns, and a telegram sent Mrs. Kerns, extending our best wishes.”

We hazard the conjecture that a similar event may have occurred during the Grand Mastership of KING SOLOMON.

It is expected that the Memorial Volume of the Washington Centennial Observance in 1899 will soon be issued.

From a report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, we see that a "profane" must apply for initiation and membership to the Lodge nearest his residence; our belief is that a profane should be *free* to apply to any Lodge he may select; but, before that Lodge can act upon the application, it should apply to the Lodge nearest to his residence to know whether there is *Masonic* objection to its acting upon the same.

We are glad to see that the History of Atlantic Lodge, No. 2, of Norfolk, by our friend Right Worshipful Brother HENRY L. TURNER, which was approved by the Committee on History, is printed with the Proceedings.

Very appropriately the portrait of the new Grand Master forms the frontispiece.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by the Chairman, Right Worshipful Brother JOSEPH W. EGGLESTON, M.D., Grand Senior Deacon, whose work is very interesting. Our Brother does not approve of having a committee appointed to investigate the standing and reputation of a petitioner, this being stated apropos of such a committee, who did not discover that the petitioner had lost the thumb of his right hand. He thinks that "their [Virginia] more ancient plan better." We do not know just how ancient "their plan" may be, but we find that "our plan" was in use in 1779, for at the first meeting of the writer's Lodge, Perseverance, No. 21, on November 10, 1779, such a committee was appointed.

Brother EGGLESTON, who pleads guilty to having "old maidenish curiosity," wishes to know how they vote in the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, thinks that both a summons and a citation should have a seal, and that a Mason who holds membership in more than one Lodge, as is allowed in Virginia, should be counted more than once, "he is more than one Mason;" and is opposed to any man coming into the Fraternity without paying full fees.

Under Massachusetts, referring to a remark of Grand Master GALLAGHER about Thanksgiving, our Brother says,—

“He might have put it differently. Thanksgiving Day, unless we are misinformed, does not go back to time immemorial, but is peculiarly a New England institution, and a good one. If Massachusetts would only adopt the plan of exchanging representatives, and, still more important, give us a Foreign Correspondence report, we would be very glad. Virginia and most, if not all, of the other States have adopted their idea of Thanksgiving Day in civil affairs, so why should not our oldest Masonic jurisdiction (except Pennsylvania (?) or possibly Virginia) yield to the wishes of the rest of us and give us such a report as many of their scholarly Masons could write?”

If Brother EGGLESTON were to read FRANKLIN'S *Pennsylvania Gazette* of December 8, 1730, he would remove his question mark after Pennsylvania.

Under Vermont, referring to the following comment of Brother PERKINS upon a case where the Grand Master of Virginia granted dispensation to a Lodge to pursue a different course from that laid down in their by-laws,—

“Another instance of putting the Grand Master above the fundamental laws of a lodge, possessed as Masonic lodges are, or are supposed to be, of the inherent right of conducting their own internal affairs,”

Brother EGGLESTON says,—

“Oh, no, Brother Perkins, not in Virginia. We do not put the Grand Master anywhere. He is installed, and is then the supreme Masonic power, from whom there is no appeal. He cannot be reversed, except that his decisions do not continue to be law after his term, unless approved, or, to use a better term, adopted, by the Grand Lodge. No by-law can go into effect until he approves it. He can dispense with the application of any law in a given case, for reasons satisfac-

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tory to himself, and authorize an act which would otherwise be a violation of such law. We have real Grand Masters in Virginia, and are proud of it, if only because it sets us in a place by ourselves as regards the numerous other organizations. We hold that the ancient idea in Masonry of an autocratic ruler over a democratic society typifies the Fatherhood of God and His rule over the brotherhood of man. New Jersey, British Columbia, and South Dakota, not to mention Pennsylvania, are with us, and we hope some day to see all come back to the ancient usage."

Two pages give a summary of Pennsylvania for 1902. Grand Master TENNIS's inaugural was "a Masonic oration of rare interest and merit," and, after quoting his remarks about the beginning of Masonry, Brother EGGLESTON adds, "There is no 1717 croak in the above;" and also, "One thing is true, and all honor to Pennsylvania Masons for it. They cannot be induced to change what they believe to be ancient usage in the smallest particular."

That part of our report which had to do with Virginia our Brother read, he thinking it "full and kindly," and he makes some comments upon it. He seems to be in hopes that future ages will reveal the fact that there was a Lodge at Jamestown "nearly three hundred years" ago.

Most Worshipful Brother EDWARD N. EUBANK, of Newport News, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother GEORGE W. CARRINGTON, of Richmond, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

WASHINGTON—1903.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington began its Forty-sixth Annual Communication in the City of Seattle, on Tuesday, June 9, A.D. 1903, and closed two days later.

Most Worshipful Brother JOHN ARTHUR, Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master, which is long, strikes us as a forcible document. He dwells at some length on "the drain in the direction of the concordant Orders which take the Craft Lodge as their foundation and starting point." Among other things he says,—

"Having long been a Knight Templar and a Master of the Royal Secret, and having even presided over a Temple of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, I feel at liberty to express to a Grand Lodge of Masons my heartfelt sorrow that we ever allowed a childish longing for feathers and titles to destroy the democracy of our Fraternity and convert it into a system of castes more complex than those of Ormus and of Ind. In the country Lodges, where this disruption has not taken place, I am delighted to find the realization of our ideals: there the Craftsmen dwell together in unity, and Masonry is a potent influence in the cultivation of brotherly love, in the administration of relief in all proper cases, and in the inculcation of truth as a divine attribute lying at the foundation of every virtue."

He reported the death of the Grand Marshal, Brother JACOB WEATHERWAX, and of Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother JAMES R. HAYDEN. Among the dead of the year, mention is made of our Past Grand Master ARNOLD.

Referring to our Washington celebration, the Grand Master said,—

"I received from R. . W. . Bro. EDGAR A. TENNIS, Grand Master of Pennsylvania, an invitation to take part in that Grand Lodge's celebration of the sesqui-centennial anniversary of the initiation of Bro. GEORGE WASHINGTON into our Fraternity, to be held at the Masonic Temple in the City of Philadelphia on Wednesday, November 5th, A. D. 1902, at 12 o'clock noon; and requesting an early answer. It seemed to me that the Grand Lodge of a state named for that world-

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renowned brother should do more than make a perfunctory acknowledgment of the receipt of such an invitation. I felt that I would incur your just censure if I did not attempt to give proper expression to your sentiments on such an occasion. I wrote to Grand Master TENNIS as follows."

We had the pleasure of printing the letter in full in our Memorial Volume, at pages 369-372.

Our Most Worshipful Brother makes an argument more specious than sound against severing relations with the Grand Orient of Belgium, because it is in friendly intercourse with the Grand Orient of France. Our Brother seems to forget the first great Landmark in Masonry.

Greetings were exchanged with the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

Number of Lodges, including one under dispensation, 121, a gain of nine; initiated, 773; total membership, 7056, a gain of 851. Receipts, including balance, were \$17,144.74; disbursements, \$6607.26; balance, \$10,537.48. The Masonic Home Fund has increased \$3973.73 to \$6577.98, and Grand Lodge assets amount to \$21,783.63.

Brother CLINTON A. SNOWDEN, Grand Orator, delivered an address upon "Our Ancient Brethren," which is printed in the Proceedings, and Reverend Brother M. A. MATTHEWS, Grand Chaplain *pro tempore*, delivered an address on Masonry and its inspirations, which is said to have been most brilliant and edifying, but is not printed.

"An expression of the further continuance of the brotherly love and friendship which the Craft throughout the Grand Jurisdiction" bears towards Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother DANIEL BAGLEY, the senior Past Grand Master, now in his eighty-fifth year, was ordered sent to that Brother.

A Special Communication was held in Olympia on Thursday, December 11, 1902, for the purpose of commemorating the semi-centennial anniversary of the organization of Olym-

pia Lodge, No. 1, and the first introduction of Masonry into Washington, which was a most interesting occasion. Able addresses were delivered, and a most enjoyable time was had, the special feature being the appreciation shown of the great services of the veteran Grand Secretary, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother THOMAS MILBURN REED, to whom a gift of one thousand dollars was voted.

A picture of the Masonic Temple at Olympia forms the frontispiece.

The report on Correspondence is by the Committee, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother WILLIAM H. UPTON, who resumes his place at the reportorial table. He is assertive and forceful, not to say interesting. Our Brother belongs to the "Historic School" of Masonry, which "applies modern scientific methods to the study of the history, usages and laws of their beloved Institution." As a consequence our Brother is prepared to tell just what the real and true Masonry is, and the Washington article, with one exception, which is not mentioned, appears to be all right. It is a great thing for our Washington Brethren to have at hand some one "who knows it all," and they are to be congratulated.

Three pages are devoted to Pennsylvania for 1902, almost all of one being given to a description of Masonry in Pennsylvania as our Brother thinks it is. Our Brother adapts a quotation from Horace, which was, as we well remember, a favorite with our Latin tutor at college, but our Brother does not feel it necessary to be accurate, which is surprising in one of the "Historic School;" the inaccuracies we do not think can be charged up to "the printer's devil."

Referring to Grand Treasurer PATTON's gift, our Brother says, "Verily, Grand Treasurers of that kind need not be placed under bonds." Grand Master TENNIS's address is "a long and well-written paper."

The review of Washington in our report, which is kindly

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said to be "well written and pleasing," came under our Brother's notice, and he gives a summary of it.

- Most Worshipful Brother CHARLES D. ATKINS, of Tacoma, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother THOMAS MILBURNE REED, of Olympia, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

WEST VIRGINIA—1902.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of West Virginia began its Thirty-eighth Annual Communication in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Huntington, on Wednesday, November 12, A.D. 1902, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother PEYTON R. HARRISON, Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master is short and to the point, embracing his various acts as Grand Master during what Grand Secretary ATKINSON calls the "interregnum of the Grand Lodge."

He reported the death of the Grand Treasurer, Right Worshipful Brother Colonel HUGH STIRLING; and of the Grand Tyler, Brother TIMOTHY W. BLISS, who had served since the organization of the Grand Lodge; and fitting action was taken by Grand Lodge.

The report of the Committee on a Masonic Home received full consideration; and after the roll of Lodges had been called, and the delegates had told how many needy Brethren were upon the rolls, and what amount was paid out by the Lodges for their support, it was found that but comparatively few of the Lodges were paying out anything for the support of needy Brethren, and that in every case where relief had been given the Lodge was not burdened thereby; and, it being manifest, therefore, that there was no crying need for a Masonic Home in West Virginia, the subject of starting a Home was indefinitely postponed.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

All Past Grand Masters who have not heretofore received a Past Grand Master's jewel are to receive the same, not more than three to be purchased in each year, till all are supplied.

Number of Lodges, including one under dispensation, 121, a gain of one; initiated, 784; total membership, 8022, a gain of 591. Receipts, including balance, were \$7370.13; disbursements, \$1411.45; balance, \$5958.68.

The retiring Grand Chaplain, Reverend Brother M. W. WOODWORTH, who was ill and in need, received the sympathy and substantial assistance of Grand Lodge.

The portrait of the retiring Grand Master is to be painted in oil and added to the collection. The portrait of the new Grand Master forms, appropriately, the frontispiece, and we have the portraits of the new Grand Treasurer, Past Grand Master MYERS, and Brother N. B. SCOTT. Just why "32D" should be printed after that Brother's name in the Proceedings of a Grand Lodge of Masons, we are at a loss to perceive. What does the Grand Lodge know of any "32d degree"?

While we know our Brother's opinion on the subject of Representatives, we are at a loss to understand Grand Secretary ATKINSON's indifference with regard to the lists of Representatives which he prints. We have repeatedly called attention to the death of their Representative near our Grand Lodge, who was killed in a railroad accident, May 12, 1899, and to the fact that the commission of our Representative was recalled ten years ago; and yet their names are duly printed in his lists. We are also at a loss to know how any officer who died in 1902 could have served the Grand Lodge of West Virginia for thirty-nine years, when the first officers of that Body were installed May 11, 1865 (although it is *stated* that the Grand Lodge was organized in 1863). The same irregularity in opening the Grand Lodge is to be noted as before.

We are led to make these remarks in view of the very

formal and elaborate certificate which Grand Secretary ATKINSON prefixes to his Proceedings.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is, as usual, by the Committee, Most Worshipful Brother GEORGE W. ATKINSON, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary, his seventeenth. He is a vigorous writer, and we think must be an eloquent speaker. In his introduction, he refers to six matters upon which Brethren differ (but our Brother well says that "these differences are not factions"),—namely, physical qualifications, Mexican Masonry, perpetual jurisdiction, the Grand Orient of Belgium, non-affiliates, and the improper use of the blackball.

Our Brother does not feel called upon to approve of everything his Grand Lodge does, and is willing on proper occasions "cheerfully to take 'back water.'"

We are glad he is "everlastingly against ciphers," and that he cannot understand, as we cannot, "why ministers of the Gospel should have more privileges than a Lawyer or any other class of persons, so far as Freemasonry is concerned."

We quote with pleasure the following, under Michigan:

"Masonic Halls are dedicated exclusively to the purposes of Freemasonry, and dances, card parties, frolics and the like are no parts of Freemasonry. Therefore it cannot be construed otherwise than a desecration of Lodge Halls to have such things carried on within their consecrated walls."

Our Brother undertook to explain the difference between a "Grand Lodge banquet" and a "Grand Lodge lunch," and "got lost in the fog." He rejoices that he has one Brother reporter who agrees with him in using, in these reports, "I" instead of "we," which latter, he says, "should be relegated where it belongs—to the rear," and thinks others will join him and Brother CAROTHERS later on. Perhaps.

Six pages are given to Pennsylvania for 1901, and our doings are well summarized. With regard to the Phillips

bequest, Brother ATKINSON says, "It strikes me that our good brethren may have to tarry on the watch-towers for a generation or so, before that ship will come in."

Grand Master WAGNER's address, "a lengthy, comprehensive paper," is briefly epitomized. Of Grand Master TENNIS's inaugural, he says,—

"On assuming the duties of the loftiest position of Freemasonry, that of M. W. Grand Master, Brother Edgar A. Tennis delivered what I consider a masterful address. I quote his opening paragraph, which is no better than the rest, but I present it as a sample of the entire speech."

Of the portrait of our Past Grand Master BARGER, he says,—

"He is a solid, substantial looking brother, with an old-fashioned pointed collar and stock around his neck, and whiskers a la Horace Greeley. I have no doubt but that he was a great, big man and Mason in his day and generation."

Our report is highly complimented, several quotations being made therefrom, our Brother also saying,—

"I regret that space will not allow me to dwell longer upon this valuable and interesting report, and I therefore bid my learned brother good night, as it is now just low twelve."

He speaks of our Washington celebration as follows:

"A great celebration occurred under the auspices of this M. W. Grand Lodge, November 5, 1902, at Philadelphia. It is not, of course, noted in the proceedings now before me, but I have read of what was done in the newspapers, and therefore mention it in this review. The occasion referred to is the Sesqui-Centennial celebration of the anniversary of the initiation of George Washington into the Fraternity. It was one of the most imposing events that ever took place in

Masonry. There were some six hundred and forty representative Masons present from eighteen Grand Jurisdictions. Grand Master Edgar A. Tennis delivered the address of welcome, which was responded to by M. W. Bro. Charles T. Gallagher, Grand Master of Massachusetts. The principal address was delivered by Bro. Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States.

“ Brother Stewart L. Woodford, former Minister to Spain, delivered the concluding address.

“ The great banquet hall in the Temple was a scene of bewildering beauty when the guests surrounded the tables at 4 o'clock. The window embrasures were filled with plants and palms to a height of twelve feet. Four long tables and a cross table at the head for the speakers filled the hall. Several hundred guests dined in the lower hall and then came into the main hall for the toasts.

“ The decorations were of wide satin ribbons in royal purple and golden yellow, with autumn leaves and white chrysanthemums. Thousands of the latter decorated the tables. At one time when the orchestra began playing, ‘ Listen to the Mocking Bird,’ twenty-five canaries were released and flew about the great hall, finally alighting in the palms.

“ The foliage of the room and the towering epergnes were filled with tiny electric lights that flashed like fireflies of gorgeous color.

“ The souvenirs of the occasion distributed to the guests were a beautiful bronze medal with a medallion head of Washington and the event which it commemorated inscribed upon it, and a plate, the border of which is a reproduction of the border on the china presented to Washington by the Society of Cincinnati.”

Most Worshipful Brother ELI M. TURNER, of Morgantown, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother GEORGE W. ATKINSON, P. G. M., of Charleston, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA—1903.

THE Grand Lodge of Western Australia of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons, held a Quarterly Communication at the Freemasons' Hall, Perth, on Friday, July 25, A.D. 1902.

Right Worshipful Brother MICHAEL SIMPSON, Deputy Grand Master, Acting Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother HACKETT not yet having returned from England.

Favorable action was taken upon the report of a special committee recommending the taking over from the Lodge of St. John, No. 1, at Perth, of the Freemasons' Hall property, that old Lodge generously giving for £9000 what was worth £20,000.

A Special Communication was held Tuesday, September 30, at Perth at which the action with regard to the Perth property was confirmed. After Grand Lodge closed, a large number of the Brethren assembled in the banquet-room for the purpose of welcoming the Grand Master, Brother HACKETT, and the Pro Grand Master, Right Reverend Brother C. O. L. RILEY, D.D., Bishop of Perth, on their return from Europe. Special reference was made to the compliment paid to the Grand Master by the Grand Master of England in conferring upon him the honorary rank of a Past Grand Warden in that Grand Lodge. The toast "The Guests" was duly honored, and both replied in felicitous terms, the Bishop remarking "that in America there was really a great deal of ignorance as to what kind of a country Australia really was."

At the Quarterly Communication, Friday, October 24, at Boulder, the Grand Master made an interesting address, mentioning that at the special Coronation service, held August 10, \$375 had been raised, while the first general Masonic Ball, held October 3, in the ball-room at Government House, had raised \$350, both sums being distributed to various charities.

At the January Quarterly, the 23d day, at Perth, the

Grand Master urged that a successor to himself be chosen, thinking two years a long enough term for one Brother, and urged the selection of the Pro Grand Master, Brother RILEY; but, when nominations were in order, the present Grand Master alone was nominated, and he was duly elected, a compliment that was, we should judge, very justly deserved.

His Majesty Brother KING EDWARD VII. having accepted the position of Patron of the Grand Lodge, it was unanimously resolved that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be conveyed to that Royal Brother.

At the April Quarterly, the 24th day, the Grand Master, in his address, gave an interesting summary of what had been accomplished since the Grand Lodge had been organized. Forty-five Grand Lodges have recognized the Grand Lodge as the sovereign and supreme Grand Lodge of Western Australia; 33 Lodges have increased to 63; 2000 members have increased to 3006, a gain in the last year of 322. The total assets over liabilities amount to nearly \$80,000, while \$2400 have been disbursed in charity.

The matter of Past Grand Rank has been settled by conferring Past Grand Rank on those Brethren who formerly enjoyed rank under other Constitutions, and who are now subscribing members of Lodges under this Jurisdiction.

Receipts, including balance, were \$9605; disbursements, \$4562; balance, \$5043. The Benevolent Fund disbursed \$1300.

Most Worshipful Brother the Honorable JOHN WINTHROP HACKETT, LL.D., of Perth, Grand Master, re-elected; Very Worshipful Brother J. D. STEVENSON, of Perth, Grand Secretary, continued.

WISCONSIN—1903.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Wisconsin began its Fifty-ninth Annual Communication in the Masonic Building, in the City of Milwaukee, on Tuesday, June 9, A.D. 1903, and closed two days later.

Most Worshipful Brother D. McL. MILLER, Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master is a business-like paper, having to do chiefly with the affairs of his own Jurisdiction.

He reported the death of Past Grand Master YOUNGS, who was also Grand Lecturer and Custodian of the Work. Later, a loving tribute was paid to this distinguished Brother's memory by Past Grand Master LITTLEJOHN. The Grand Master decided that "pall-bearers, being prominent participants in the ceremonies, must be Masons." We do not agree: at most funerals, religious services are first performed at the grave, at which time the casket is lowered into the grave, it matters not especially by whom. After the religious services are concluded, those of the Craft are performed, and the Brethren leave the ground.

The Grand Master's action in sending one hundred dollars to the Milwaukee Protestant Home for the Aged was approved.

Greetings were exchanged with the Grand Lodges of Washington and South Dakota, and with the senior Past Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother HENRY L. PALMER.

Number of Lodges, 252, a gain of 6; initiated, 1221; total membership, 19,713, a gain of 918. Receipts, including balance, were \$27,041.94; disbursements, \$13,871.52; balance, \$13,170.42. Grand Lodge assets amount to over \$22,000.

Hereafter the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary are not to have to ask individual Brethren to go on their bonds,

but the Grand Lodge Trustees are to obtain indemnifying bonds.

Past Grand Master PERRY, now Grand Secretary, who was for years associated with the late Brother YOUNGS, and is thoroughly familiar with the work as taught by that Brother, was made Custodian of the Work.

Past Grand Master JENKS presented a Past Grand Master's jewel to Most Worshipful Brother F. H. L. COTTON, and that Brother received the thanks of the Grand Lodge for presenting his likeness, which will be placed in the office of the Grand Secretary; and thanks were also voted to the Grand Tiler, Brother JOHN B. CROMWELL, for a copy of the Holy Bible presented by him.

Right Worshipful Brother GEORGE E. HOSKINSON, who served as Grand Secretary in 1873 and 1874, was present and was called upon, and addressed the Brethren in well-chosen remarks.

We find the portrait of Past Grand Master DRUMMOND, of Maine, but none of the new Grand Master.

One hundred and seventy-five dollars were appropriated for the assistance of three beneficiaries.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by the Committee, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother ALDRO JENKS, his sixth. He is a forceful writer and prepares a very interesting report, and is not above puns. He thinks "the Grand Lodge is Sovereign and Supreme, not the subordinate Lodges;" is opposed, as are we, to the use of stage scenery, settings and costumes, with stereopticon embellishments, in the conferring of degrees; though a believer in total abstinence, believes that "the Masonic institution was never designed as a total abstinence society;" and does not understand, as we do not, "why Lodges should desire to make an ostentatious display of Freemasonry in connection with the sacred duty of devotion." He does not feel bound to approve everything his Grand Lodge does, and we agree.

Under Nevada, our Brother says,—

“The Grand Master complains that it seems to be the impression that a banquet must always be provided on the occasion of a visit from a Grand Lodge officer, and recommends that the Lodges instead retain their funds for the relief of the poor and the sick, and to bury their dead. We regard this suggestion as the minister did a present he received from one of his parishioners of some brandied peaches. He said that he did not care for the fruit, but appreciated the *spirit* in which it was sent.”

Brother JENKS seems to have come to the conclusion that the rule he called attention to in his report for 1899, about admitting “no more persons . . . that shall keep a public house,” was a rule of an individual Lodge, and not of the Grand Lodge of York.

In his conclusion, he has some excellent remarks upon the subject of Masonic Homes, which, he thinks, should not be undertaken unless they are necessary, and can be supported without crippling the finances of the Grand Lodge.

To Pennsylvania for 1902, more than three pages of review are given. The report of the Committee on Appeals at the June Quarterly does not meet with our Brother’s approval; but we cannot but think that the careful report prepared by Brother Judge BEITLER, will commend itself to most of our Brethren. In this Jurisdiction, “Naked technical objections based upon rules of evidence in civil trials are not tolerated in Masonic trials;” but in the case in question, to have permitted the accused Brother to be convicted by the Trial Committee on the evidence offered “would be to deprive him of his right as a Master Mason, to be tried by a Masonic tribunal upon Masonic evidence, when the charge against him is of the commission of a Masonic offence.”

Referring to our Grand Treasurer PATTON’s “most generous and praiseworthy act,” Brother JENKS says,—

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“ Would that there were many more like him with the disposition and ability to exemplify this crowning glory of Masonry—practical charity.”

The address of Grand Master TENNIS is “ somewhat lengthy but at the same time able and interesting;” and comments are made upon several points. Our Brother thinks that his Brethren are discharging their duty with respect to the burial of their Brethren, and thinks it is unnecessary that notice of *all* meetings should be sent to every member.

Our report is “ another interesting review.” Referring to our comment that in the form of petition for initiation in Wisconsin there is no mention of “ belief in the existence of a Supreme Being,” our Brother assures us that “ while this essential is not contained in the petition, the Lodge is fully assured of this fact before the candidate is initiated.”

Our Brother makes a number of comments upon different parts of our report, with most of which he very kindly seems to agree.

Most Worshipful Brother JOHN CORSCAT, of Madison, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM W. PERRY, of Milwaukee, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

WYOMING—1903.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Wyoming held its Twenty-ninth Annual Communication in the City of Newcastle, on Wednesday, September 2, A.D. 1903.

Most Worshipful Brother CHARLES N. POTTER, Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master shows a careful and faithful officer. He reported the death of two Past Grand Masters, Most Worshipful Brothers JAMES H. HAYFORD and

DEFOREST RICHARDS, the latter Governor of the State at the time of his death. Among those who had passed away in other Jurisdictions, Past Grand Master ARNOLD is recorded.

We note, in passing, that at one of the Special Communications at which the Grand Master was present, it is stated that Grand Lodge was opened and closed in *due* form, which is unusual.

Number of Lodges, including two under dispensation, 21, a gain of two; initiated, 185; total membership, 1488, a gain of 180. Receipts, including balance, were \$5678.76; disbursements, \$1824.76; balance, \$3854.00.

In his report, Grand Secretary KUYKENDALL, speaking of their Library, says that there were received "a number of pamphlets relating to matters Masonic, and seven bound volumes of the minutes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, from 1779 to 1854, which courtesy on the part of Brother George P. Rupp, Librarian, was suitably acknowledged."

The portrait of the incoming Grand Master appropriately forms the frontispiece, and that of Most Worshipful Brother ERVIN F. CHENEY, who was Grand Master from October, 1884, to December, 1885, is also given.

The report on Correspondence is by the Committee, Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM L. KUYKENDALL, Grand Secretary, his eighteenth. It is a very interesting paper. Under Alabama, we agree that there is no justice in requiring the payment of dues during suspension for non-payment of dues.

Our Brother gives his reasons at length for approving a ballot in each degree, but we think he loses sight of a very fundamental fact,—namely, that as soon as one is made an Entered Apprentice Mason, he is a *Mason*, a member of the Craft, and has *rights*, none of which belonged to him while he was a profane.

He also thinks that the Grand Master is the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge and not Grand Master of Masons, and that he has only such prerogatives as the Grand Lodge gives him, wherein we do not agree.

Our Brother is rather strenuous on the matter of what he calls perpetual jurisdiction in Pennsylvania. With us the question is, Is there Masonic objection to the petitioner? or, to put it in other words, Is the petitioner under the tongue of good Masonic report? The ballot decides that question, and the mere lapse of time of itself cannot change that fact, and that fact should be recognized by all other Lodges.

Later, the petitioner, who was free to choose the Lodge to which he would apply, may apply again, and the ballot will show whether he is still not under the tongue of good Masonic report. If he is under that tongue of good Masonic report, he may receive the first degree, unless a member should object before the degree is conferred.

As was said by Past Grand Master VAUX, "It is not claimed that *perpetual jurisdiction* exists in any Lodge over its members, or its rejected candidates. But it is claimed, seriously and calmly claimed, that *perpetual objection* exists when that *objection*, a recognized and undisputed condition, has been made to the initiation of a candidate in a Lodge to which he voluntarily applies for the rights and privileges of Masonry, and he remains still subject to it anywhere, everywhere, unless the rejecting Lodge lawfully removes it. A Masonic objection to granting the rights and privileges of Freemasonry to an applicant is a Masonic disqualification which pertains to the individual, made by the law of Masonry, and applied by a lawfully warranted and duly constituted Lodge of Masons."

Pennsylvania for 1902 comes under review. Our Brother is not correctly informed as to our requirements touching rejected petitioners. After one has been rejected the *third* time, it is necessary to obtain permission from the Grand Lodge to present a fourth or subsequent petition.

Grand Master TENNIS's edict regarding Masonic burials is commended. It seems that "Masters in some parts of what is termed in some quarters 'The Wild and Woolly West' summon their members to attend the funeral of a Brother,

and every member is well aware of the effect if the summons is disobeyed.”

Referring to edicts, our Brother says, —

“ If Pennsylvania law grants him such power, we acquiesce, because it is the law—not that we believe the law is right. If the power is assumed by him, then we deny that any such power is inherent in the office of Grand Master.”

We may inform our Brother that Pennsylvania law does grant such power.

If Brother KUYKENDALL had taken the trouble to read carefully what our Grand Master decided, or had not been “sleepy,” like Brother ROBBINS, of Illinois, he probably would not have written the following:

“ From one decision it appears that in Pennsylvania alone it is held that a Representative to Grand Lodge represents the Past Masters of the lodge, instead of the latter. We believe that all other jurisdictions hold that the Master and Wardens represent the lodge, and if any brother acts for them he does so as their proxy representative of the lodge.

“ Our Pennsylvania brethren claim that at least some of the ancient charges are landmarks. If one is a landmark they all are, and we think they indicate that the Master and Wardens are the true representatives. Past Masters, instead of the lodge, instructing a representative seems to be the law of or held to be a landmark by Pennsylvania. The reverse is held elsewhere.”

In this report, under Illinois, we have shown what Grand Master TENNIS decided, which is something different from what our Brother thinks.

Our Brother is correct in his inference that the decisions of the Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania do not require the approval of Grand Lodge: “ he is supreme in all

matters concerning the Fraternity, and the peace, harmony and Masonic order of the Craft, except when the Grand Lodge limits his power by its Constitution.”

Our Brother further says,—

“ We highly commend the Grand Master’s condemnation of electioneering for office. It should be reprobated everywhere. Masonry gets on dangerous grounds when it becomes a political machine or adopts political methods. Both are foreign to it as an organization, and in several foreign countries have brought it into disrepute and a departure from the original plan.”

Our report is kindly called “ an able production,” that part relating to Wyoming having come under our Brother’s notice. We are glad that he copies the old Charge correctly, because we think it worth while that it should be emphasized that the Art referred to is not the art of serving his Master, but the Art of Masonry.

Our Brother writes interestingly in giving his views, which are opposed to what is termed “ the perfect youth doctrine.” He thinks that the Charge refers to Operative Masonry, and is in no sense applicable to Speculative Masonry as now existing, and is not a Landmark.

According to our view, as we have previously stated it, it is evident that there are three things that the maim or defect in his body may render the youth incapable of: First, learning the Art (*i.e.*, the Art of Masonry); second, serving his Master’s Lord; and third, being made a Brother; so that it is possible for a man to be capable of learning the Art, and of serving his Master’s Lord (and hence of gaining a livelihood for himself and family), and yet not capable of being made a Brother. The youth, in the words of the old Charge, “ whole and sound, not deformed or dismembered,” is a “ perfect youth,” and attains the required standard so far as physical requirements are concerned, even if he is not ab-

solutely "physically perfect," a condition which it is claimed is not to be found in man. The Craft never was, nor was it ever intended to be, a democratic institution; it was, and is, and ought to be, a body of picked men.

Most Worshipful Brother T. S. TALLIOFERRO, JR., of Rock Springs, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM L. KUYKENDALL, of Saratoga, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

CONCLUSION.

WE add to this report, as stated above, the very valuable and interesting tables of statistics prepared by Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother JESSE B. ANTHONY, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of New York.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

JAMES M. LAMBERTON,

Chairman.

December 26, A.D. 1903, A.L. 5903.

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TABLES FROM THE NEW YORK REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE, MAY, 1903.

Statistical Comparison.

	1900	1901	1902	1903
Grand Lodges	57	57	57	57
Subordinate Lodges	12,260	12,391	12,516	12,704
Raised	45,913	51,496	57,798	62,799
Affiliated	14,040	16,316	16,457	17,452
Restored	6,725	7,218	7,218	6,933
Died	13,262	13,557	14,400	14,082
Dimitted	16,824	17,789	19,668	19,284
Suspended for non-payment of dues	17,039	15,591	14,293	13,387
Suspended and expelled	541	689	542	523
Membership	846,395	873,075	901,968	944,188

Based upon the tables we find, in the Grand Lodges of the United States, the following percentages :

	1900	1901	1902	1903
Accessions by new work	5.44	6.06	6.62	6.94
Additions by affiliation and restoration	2.48	2.82	2.73	2.70
Losses by death	1.60	1.62	1.67	1.58
Losses for non-payment of dues	2.03	1.83	1.62	1.47
Losses by dimission	1.99	2.08	2.24	2.11
Net gain of the year	1.75	3.17	3.68	4.36

In numerical standing the most prominent rank in the following order :		The average of membership to each Lodge is greatest in the following :	
New York	111,365	District of Columbia	241
Illinois	63,034	Massachusetts	178
Pennsylvania	57,266	Connecticut	161
Ohio	51,374	Rhode Island	153
Michigan	45,304	New York	148
Massachusetts	42,090	Pennsylvania	131
Missouri	36,138	New Hampshire	120
Indiana	35,107	Maine	117
Iowa	31,693	Delaware	116
Texas	31,568	Michigan	116
California	24,735	New Jersey	112
Maine	23,224	Vermont	105
Kansas	22,388	Ohio	103
Kentucky	21,819	Utah	98
Georgia	21,138		

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The Jurisdictions having Lodges of the largest membership are in the following order :

GRAND LODGE.	SUBORDINATE LODGE.		Location.	Member-ship.
	Name.	No.		
New York	Genesec Falls	507	Rochester	1070
Minnesota	Minneapolis	19	Minneapolis	842
Illinois	Covenant	526	Chicago	800
Connecticut	Hiram	1	New Haven	749
Kentucky	Preston	281	Louisville	730
Michigan	Zion	1	Detroit	691
Ohio	Magnolia	20	Columbus	678
District of Columbia	La Fayette	19	Washington, D. C.	668
California	Mission	169	San Francisco	628
Massachusetts	Roswell Lee . . . . .	. . .	Springfield	580
Colorado	Denver	5	Denver	571
Pennsylvania	Washington	59	Philadelphia	556
Rhode Island	What Cheer	21	Providence	553
Missouri	Temple	299	Kansas City	532

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GRAND LODGE.	No. Subor- dinates.	Member- ship.	Raised.	Affiliated.	Restored.	Died.	Dimitted.	Suspended N. P. of Dues.	Suspended and Expelled.	Net Gain.	Net Loss.
Alabama	387	13,494	1,106	554	320	282	686	422	27	563	
Arizona	17	939	93	42	18	16	33	6	1	111	
Arkansas *	445	11,386									
California	278	24,735	2,222	719	144	466	449	195	6	1,959	
Colorado	101	9,432	587	280	45	138	202	55	4	524	
Connecticut	110	17,730	874	55	57	338	84	321	3	333	
Delaware	21	2,433	127	11	3	41	17	12		69	
Dis. of Columbia	26	6,257	464	130	55	112	92	77		368	
Florida	144	4,623	339	212	100	79	216	166	2	188	
Georgia	447	21,138	1,681							294	
Idaho	32	1,532	124	71	14	24	53	46		86	
Illinois	724	63,034	4,739	1,151	466	895	1,262	816	15	3,367	
Indiana	511	35,107	2,387	604	216	634	783	427	37	1,503	
Indian Territory	104	4,549	465	392	58	86	347	82	22	373	
Iowa	505	31,693	2,116	788	305	424	1,109	498	14	1,165	
Kansas	364	22,388	1,548	591	200	310	894	379	7	776	
Kentucky	475	21,819	1,841	545	452	317	717	778	16	1,010	
Louisiana	144	6,361	678	138	83	142	177	103	2	475	
Maine	198	23,224	1,091	119	73	408	208	171	1	534	
Maryland *	104	8,278	527	63	19	150	80	92	6	281	
Massachusetts . . .	236	42,090	2,165	264	75	671	411	307		1,076	
Michigan	389	45,304	2,496	702	136	700	724	380	12	1,518	
Minnesota	228	17,528	1,070	322	60	219	432	239	5	557	
Mississippi	291	10,676	874	398	174	215	469	255	13	640	
Missouri	565	36,138	2,303	911	353	566	1,071	592	49	1,300	
Montana *	49	3,325									
Nebraska	236	13,115	723	361	150	167	491	218	5	401	
Nevada	21	904	65	18	8	22	28	9		19	
New Hampshire	79	9,480	389		8	165	79	60		93	
New Jersey	171	19,150	1,433	255	106	331	196	214	2	1,050	
New Mexico	20	1,079	91	60	11	18	29	7		108	
New York	755	111,365	8,367	1,031	1,204	1,895	1,380	2,179	18	5,130	
North Carolina . .	324	12,012	917	267	114	206	419	235	63	375	
North Dakota . . .	66	3,998	322	82	11	33	104	45	1	232	
Ohio	499	51,374	4,025	719	866	762	689	1,109	25	3,025	
Oklahoma	78	3,291	426	597	26	22	300	29	4	684	
Oregon	101	5,959	453	240	47	89	142	93	9	418	
Pennsylvania . . .	436	57,266	3,709	590		979	330	614		2,376	
Rhode Island . . .	37	5,685	328	11	7	81	15	31		214	
South Carolina . .	245	6,532	500	144		123	194	127		283	
South Dakota . . .	99	5,125	316	120	34	40	186	34	3	207	
Tennessee	430	17,770	1,043	554	157	367	631	296	33	427	
Texas	675	31,568	2,449	1,659	264	527	1,810	473	95	1,888	
Utah	10	982	56	66	20	10	27	27	1	75	
Vermont	102	10,674	574	157	29	168	158	54	4	376	
Virginia *	276	13,444									
Washington	112	6,205	387	289	52	56	119	138	3	400	
West Virginia . . .	120	7,421									
Wisconsin	246	18,795	1,075	307	113	275	420	215	9	585	
Wyoming	19	1,308	125	52	10	15	28	13		141	
	12,052	899,715	59,690	16,641	6,663	13,584	18,271	12,639	516	37,557	
British Columbia	36	2,355	247	112	10	26	87	13		243	
Canada	376	28,421	1,998	431	199	332	641	528	7	1,120	
Manitoba	73	3,486	273	150	19	31	124	77		248	
New Brunswick *	34	1,884									
Nova Scotia	63	3,720	268	58	19	46	75	59		146	
Prin. Edward Is.	13	574	31	3	1	8	9	3		15	
Quebec *	57	4,033	292	57	22	55	77	68		171	
	652	44,473	3,109	811	270	498	1,013	748	7	1,943	
Total	12,704	944,188	62,799	17,452	6,933	14,082	19,284	13,387	523	39,500	

* Last year's report.

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Comparison Table.

GRAND LODGE.	Numerical Standing.	SUBORDINATE LODGES.			Percentage of New Work.	Percentage of Net Gain.	Ratio of New Work.
		Maximum.	Minimum.	Average.			
Alabama	21	207	8	34	.08.55	.04.35	11
Arizona	50	142	16	55	.11.23	.13.40	4
Arkansas *	25	. . .	. . .	25	.05.95	. . .	41
California	11	628	16	90	.09.76	.08.60	6
Colorado	29	571	17	93	.06.59	.05.88	33
Connecticut	19	749	29	161	.05.02	.01.91	48
Delaware	44	359	19	116	.05.37	.03.00	46
District of Columbia	34	668	40	241	.07.77	.06.25	22
Florida	39	140	8	32	.07.64	.04.24	23
Georgia	15	. . .	. . .	47	.08.06	.01.41	16
Idaho	45	169	12	48	.08.57	.06.00	10
Illinois	2	800	14	88	.07.95	.05.66	18
Indiana	8	403	8	69	.07.10	.04.47	28
Indian Territory	40	130	11	43	.11.35	.09.11	3
Iowa	9	403	14	62	.06.93	.03.81	29
Kansas	13	313	11	61	.07.16	.03.54	27
Kentucky	14	730	9	46	.08.92	.04.89	8
Louisiana	33	176	13	44	.11.52	.08.07	2
Maine	12	353	28	117	.04.81	.02.36	49
Maryland *	30	285	16	79	.06.58	.03.51	34
Massachusetts	6	580	36	178	.05.28	.02.62	47
Michigan	5	691	18	116	.05.70	.03.47	43
Minnesota	20	842	16	77	.06.30	.03.28	36
Mississippi	26	220	16	37	.08.70	.06.37	9
Missouri	7	532	11	64	.06.61	.03.73	32
Montana *	42	214	19	68	.07.44	.05.75	25
Nebraska	23	393	13	56	.05.69	.03.15	44
Nevada	49	156	12	43	.07.34	.02.15	26
New Hampshire	28	347	27	120	.04.14	.01.00	50
New Jersey	16	418	30	112	.07.92	.05.77	19
New Mexico	47	147	15	54	.09.37	.11.12	7
New York	1	1070	24	148	.07.88	.04.83	20
North Carolina	24	132	10	37	.07.88	.03.22	21
North Dakota	41	389	19	60	.08.52	.06.24	12
Ohio	4	678	14	103	.08.32	.06.25	14
Oklahoma	43	182	11	42	.16.34	.26.23	1
Oregon	36	216	18	59	.08.37	.07.54	13
Pennsylvania	3	556	27	131	.06.76	.04.33	30
Rhode Island	37	553	38	153	.06.00	.03.91	38
South Carolina	32	138	9	27	.08.00	.04.52	17
South Dakota	38	108	15	52	.06.43	.04.21	35
Tennessee	18	285	9	41	.06.00	.02.46	39
Texas	10	. . .	. . .	47	.08.25	.06.36	15
Utah	48	222	14	98	.06.17	.08.27	37
Vermont	27	318	23	105	.05.57	.03.65	45
Virginia *	22	387	7	48	.05.74	.01.27	42
Washington	35	347	14	55	.06.66	.06.89	31
West Virginia *	31	239	12	62	.07.46	.06.76	24
Wisconsin	17	365	9	77	.05.90	.03.21	40
Wyoming	46	183	16	69	.10.71	.12.08	5
British Columbia . . . . .	. . .	223	28	65	.11.69	.11.50	. . .
Canada . . . . .	. . .	358	11	76	.07.32	.04.10	. . .
Manitoba . . . . .	. . .	218	11	47	.08.43	.07.66	. . .
New Brunswick * . . . . .	. . .	140	12	55	.06.44	.03.74	. . .
Nova Scotia	143	13	60	.07.53	.04.08	. . .
Prince Edward Island	98	10	59	.05.54	.02.70	. . .
Quebec	153	22	71	.07.56	.04.43	. . .

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